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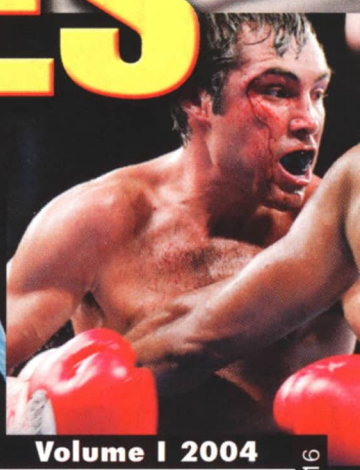

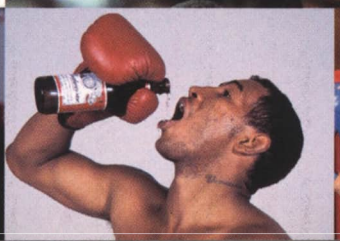

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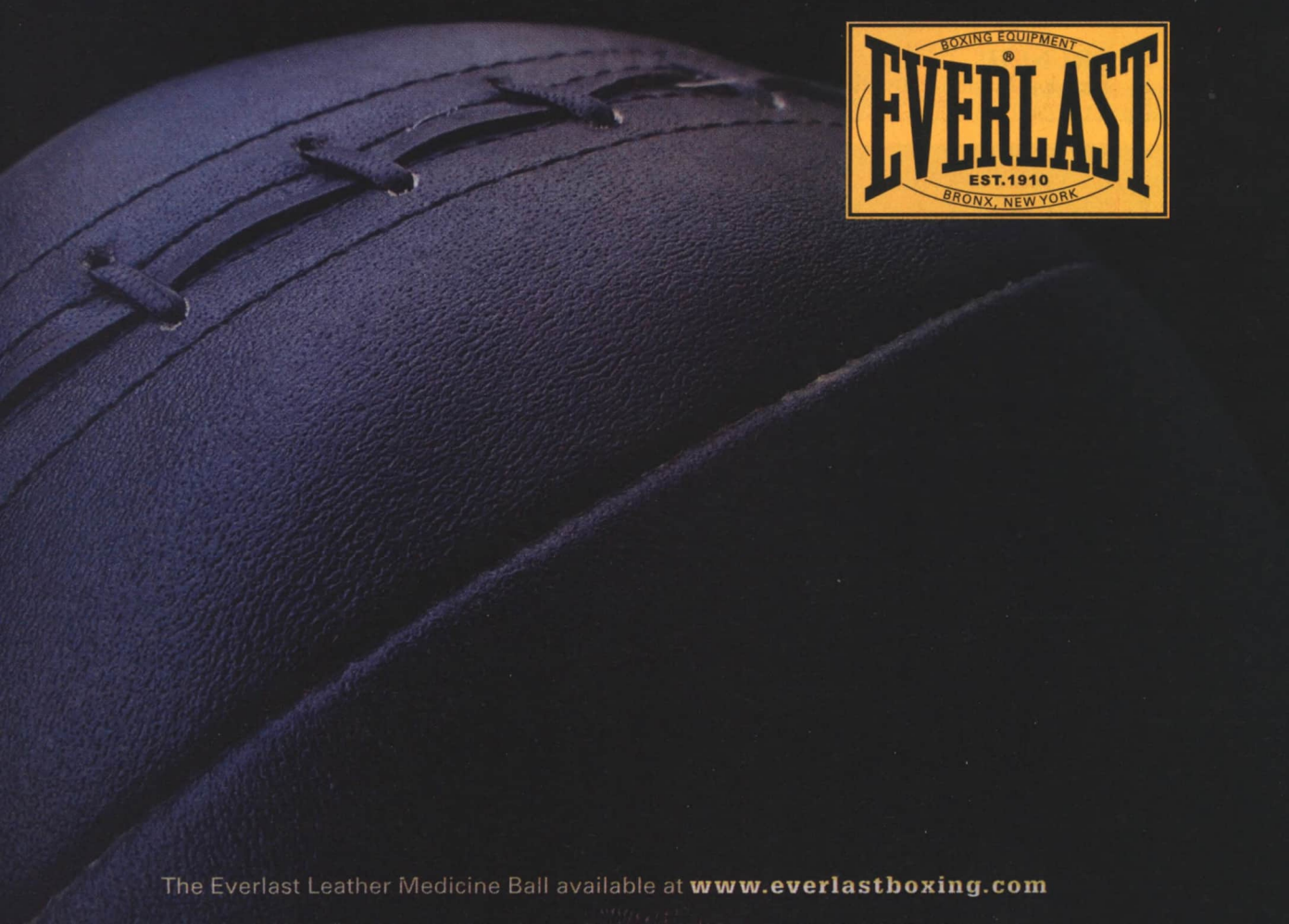

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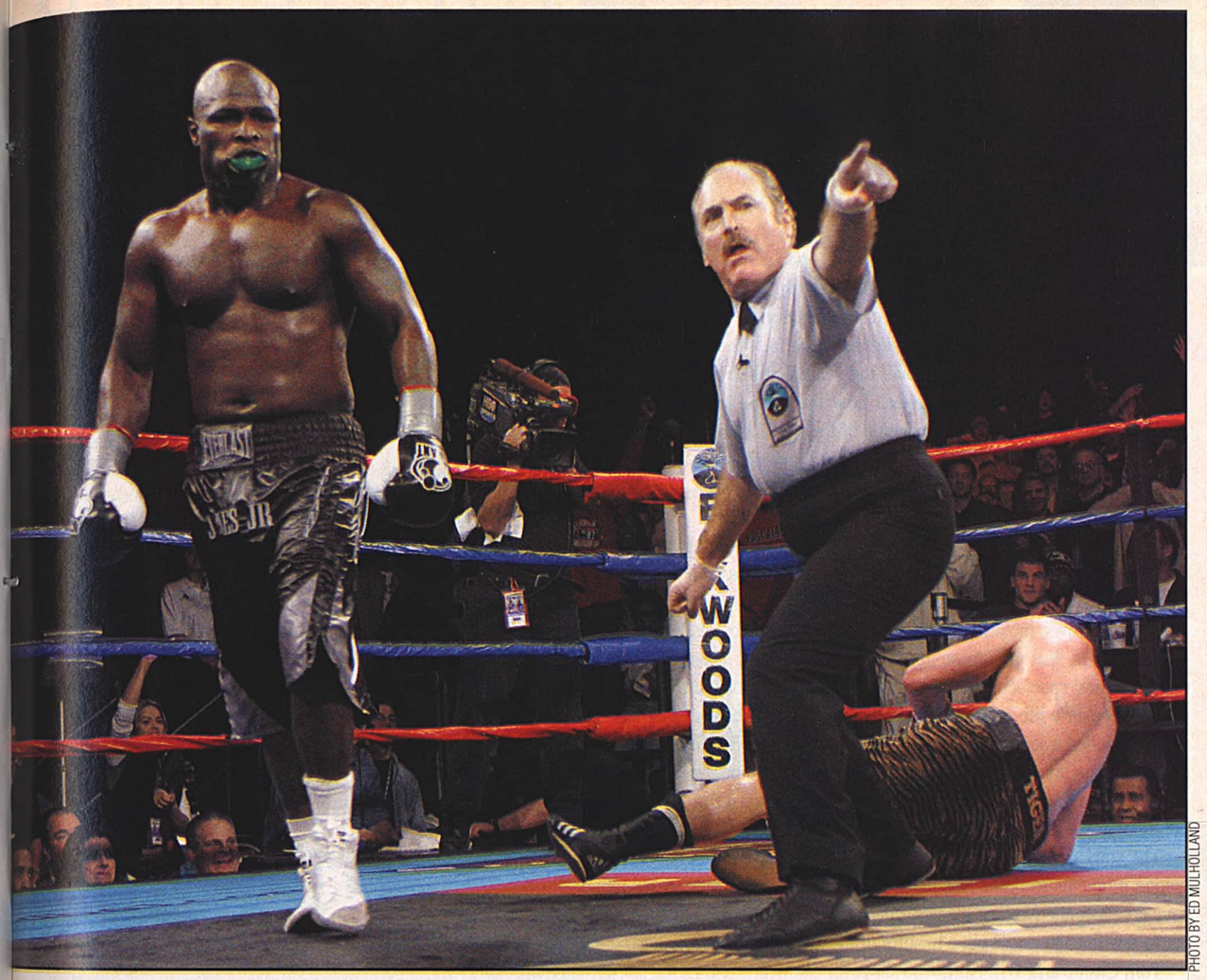

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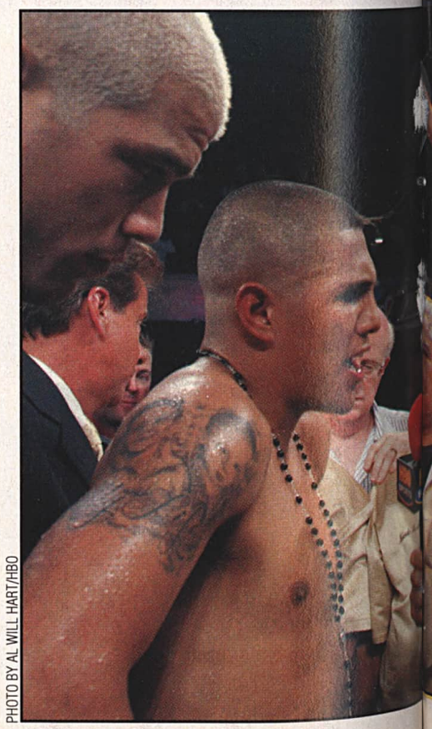

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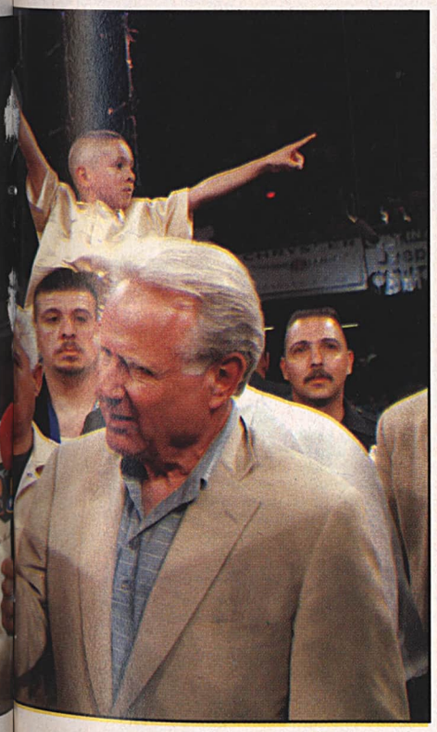

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RINGSIDE

When I was a boy just starting to get into boxing, the deciding factor as to whether or not to buy a certain boxing publication was the photographs. Atavistic little rascal that I was, nothing prompted me to part with my pocket money quicker than a photo of a wicked punch landing flush. If there was blood splattered all over the place, that was even better.

While my appreciation for the subtleties of the Sweet Science has grown over the years, I still love a great crunch shot and have never forgotten how important such graphic images are to the fans' appreciation of the sport. Therefore, when publisher Stu Saks first suggested putting together an annual comprised of the best boxing photography from the previous year, I knew it would be a winner.

Although the kind of explicit shots that thrilled me as a kid comprise the largest portion of this edition of THE RING ANNUAL, the concept has been expanded to include many other aspects of the sport. We've incorporated sections featuring the aftermath of such devastating blows, including vivid close-ups of battle wounds and the cornermen's feverish attempts to deal with these injuries between rounds. There's also a section that highlights the most spectacular sight in all of sports—the knockout.

But a boxer's life is not restricted to what takes place inside of the squared circle, so we've included a segment entitled "Beyond The Ring." These photos explore such varied topics as press conferences, where some of the most impassioned action sometimes takes place, the gym, and the photo studio. There are also images of fighters with their families, hob-nobbing with celebrities, and at play.

The stars of this issue, however, are the gifted photographers who captured these unique moments in time. THE RING and her sister magazines are extremely fortunate to have access to the work of the very finest fight photographers in the world, and I'd like to take a few lines to single out a handful of those who have contributed so much.

Tom Casino and Will Hart, who shoot for Showtime and HBO, respectively, probably provide us with more images than all of the other photographers put together. And as you would expect from their affiliations, Will and Tom are among the very best in the field, a pair of talented veterans who inevitably deliver the goods.

Former RING staff photographer Al Bello is another top gun whose amazing work frequently graces the pages of our magazines. Al currently works for Getty Images, along with other outstanding fight photographers Jed Jacobsohn, John Gichigi, and Donald Miralle.

And I can't forget Chris Farina, who has been our man in Las Vegas for more than 20 years and continues to produce excellent images. Then there's Florida freelancer Duane Long, who took the unforgettable shots of Nicaraguan wild man Ricardo Mayorga.

Many individuals try boxing photography, but it is such a difficult discipline, very few make the grade. Even so, that doesn't stop dozens of newcomers from giving it a crack every year. Among the very best of the relatively fresh faces at ringside are Jan Sanders and Ed Muholland, who I'm positive will continue to build on the great start both have made in the past couple of years.

Finally, a very special thank you to Jacqueline Norris, head of HBO's Photo Services, whose generous assistance has been incalculable.

Overall, the package presented here represents the entire panorama of boxing, and is a visual treat for everyone who loves the hardest game of all. Not only that; it's unquestionably a magazine that a certain youngster who used to inhabit this old hide of mine would have gladly spent every penny in his piggybank to purchase.

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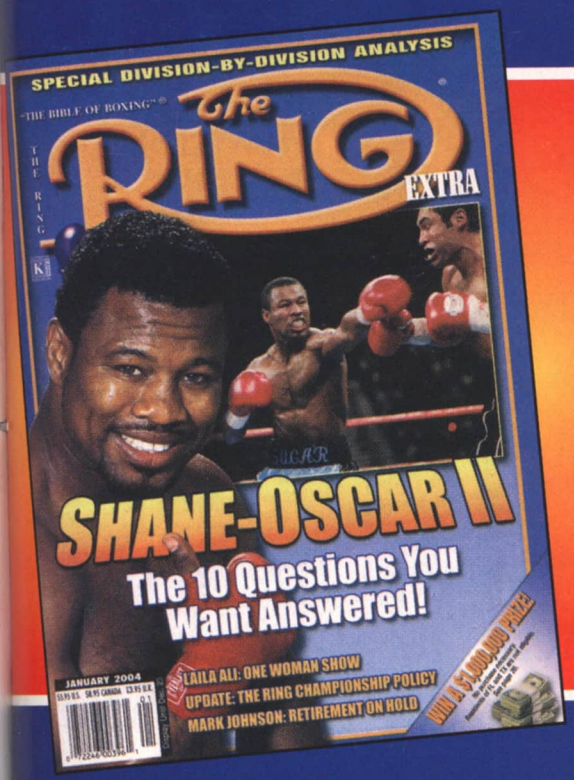

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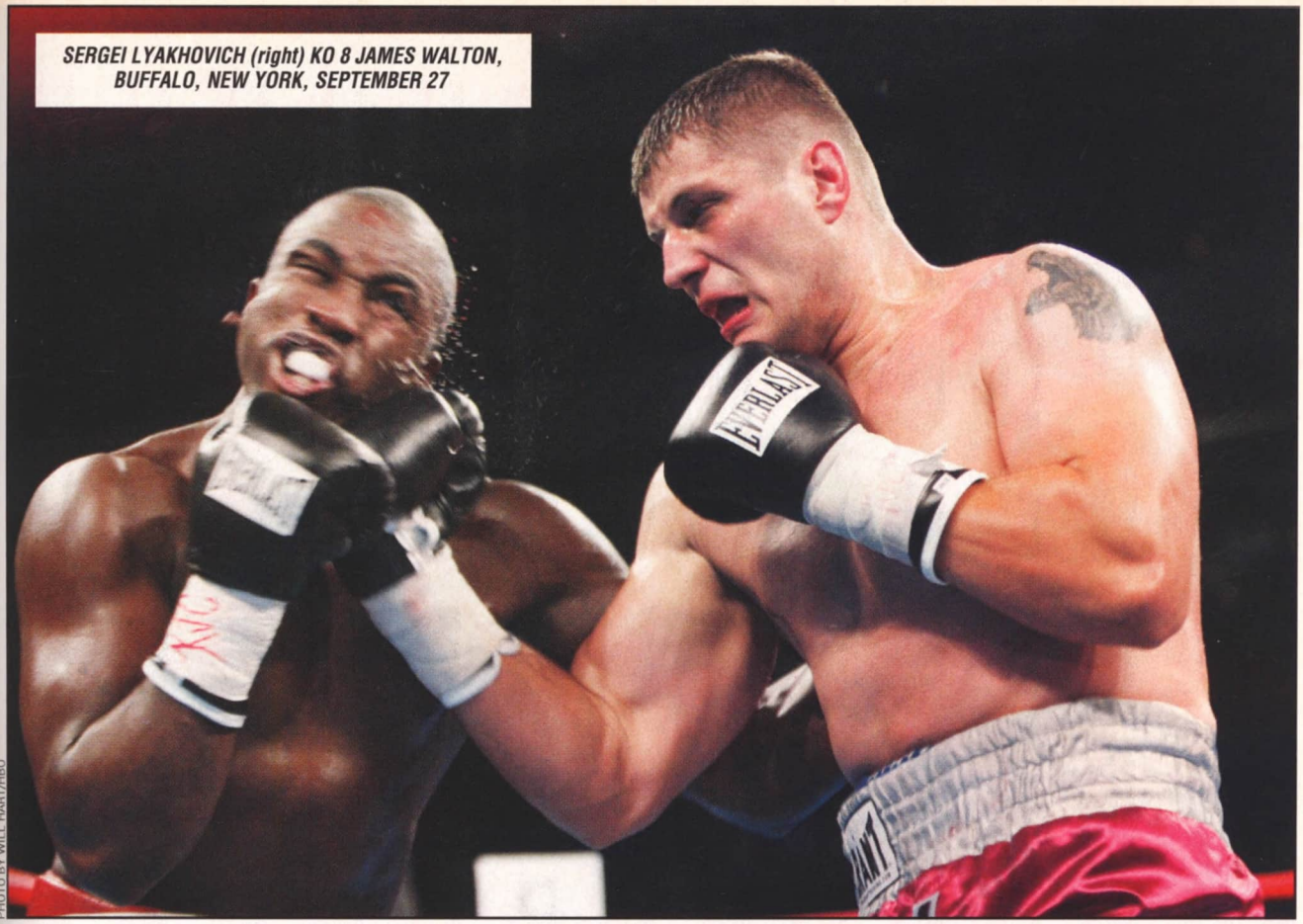

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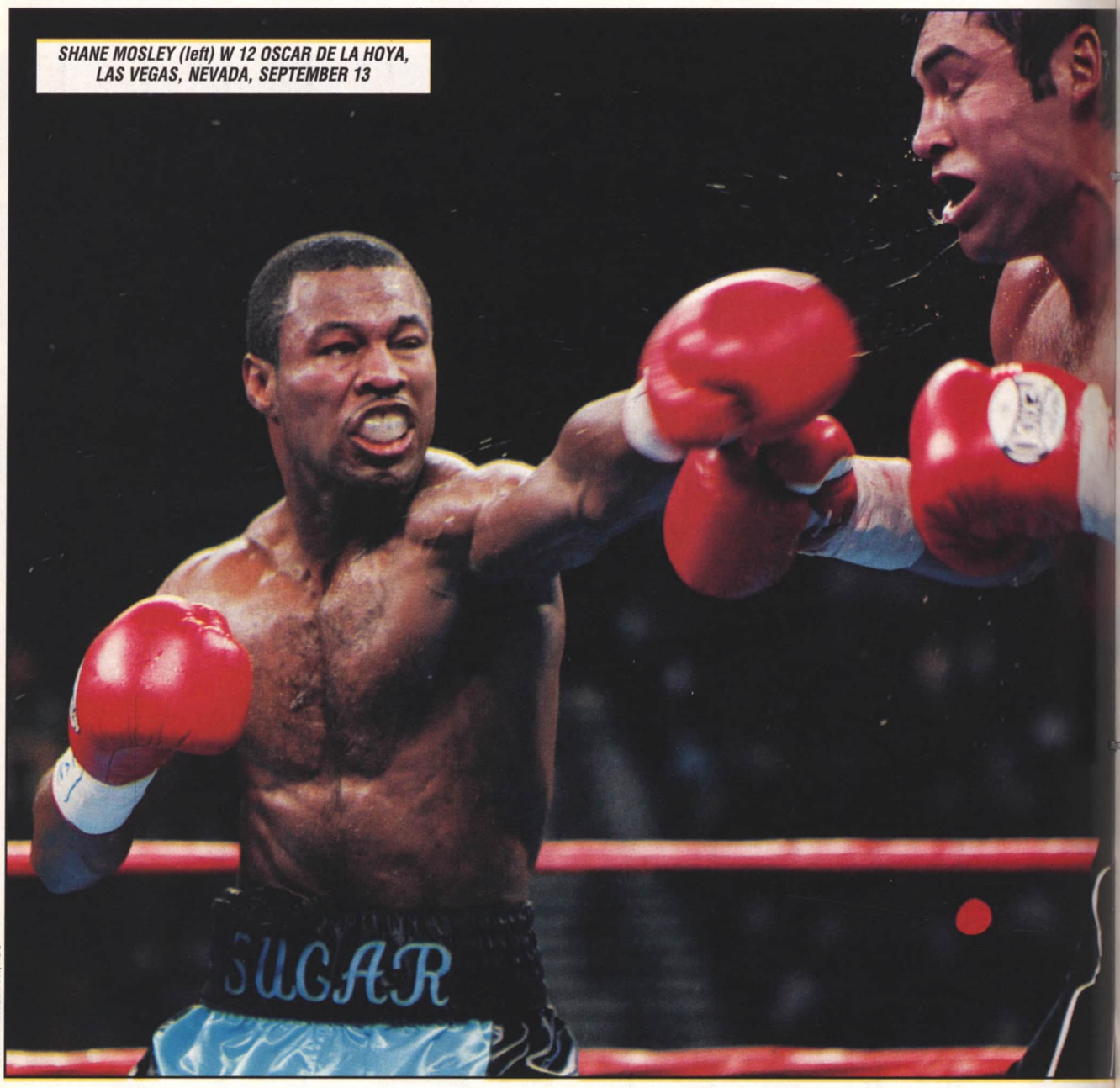

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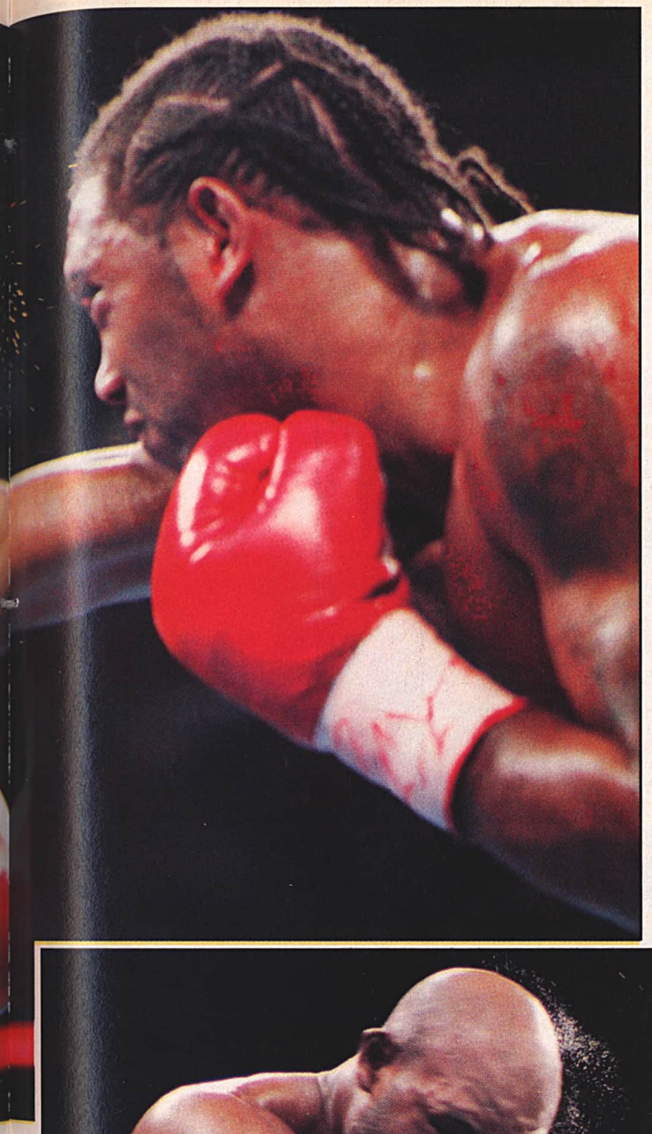

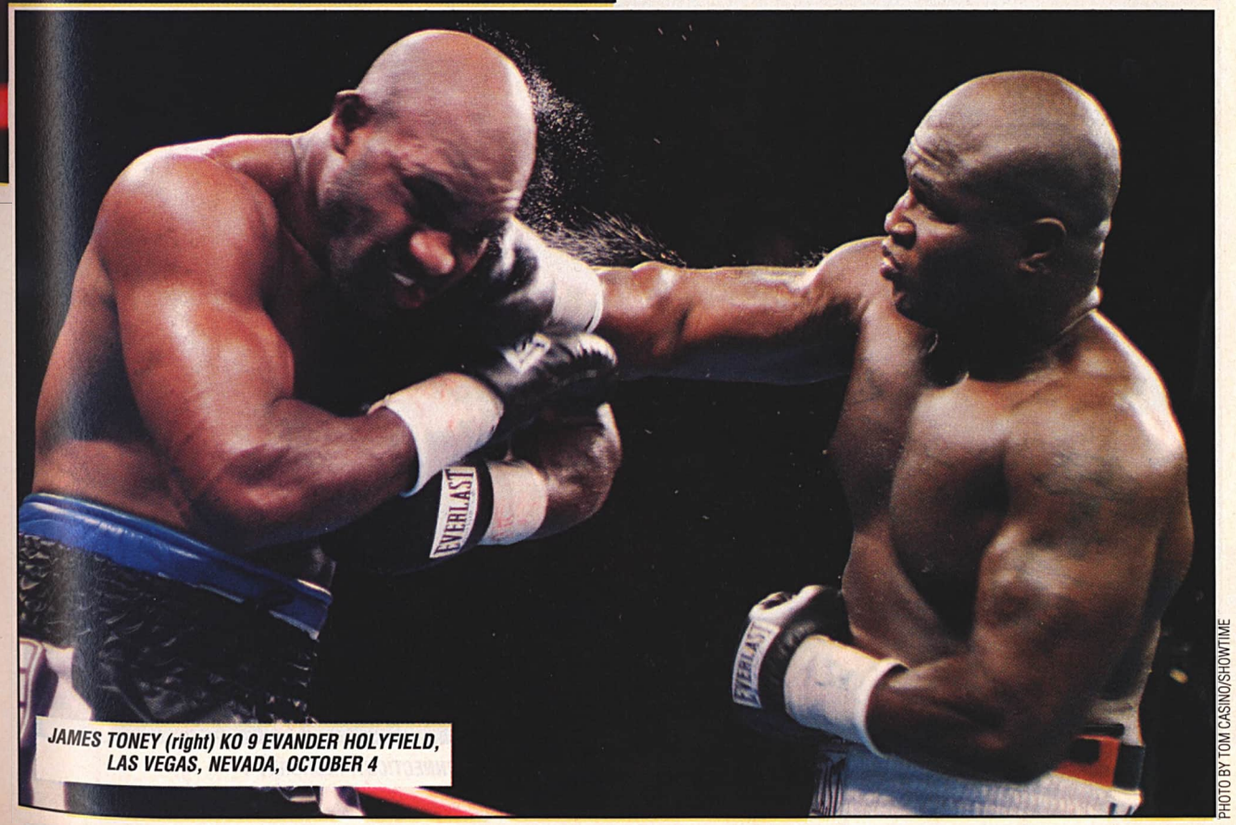

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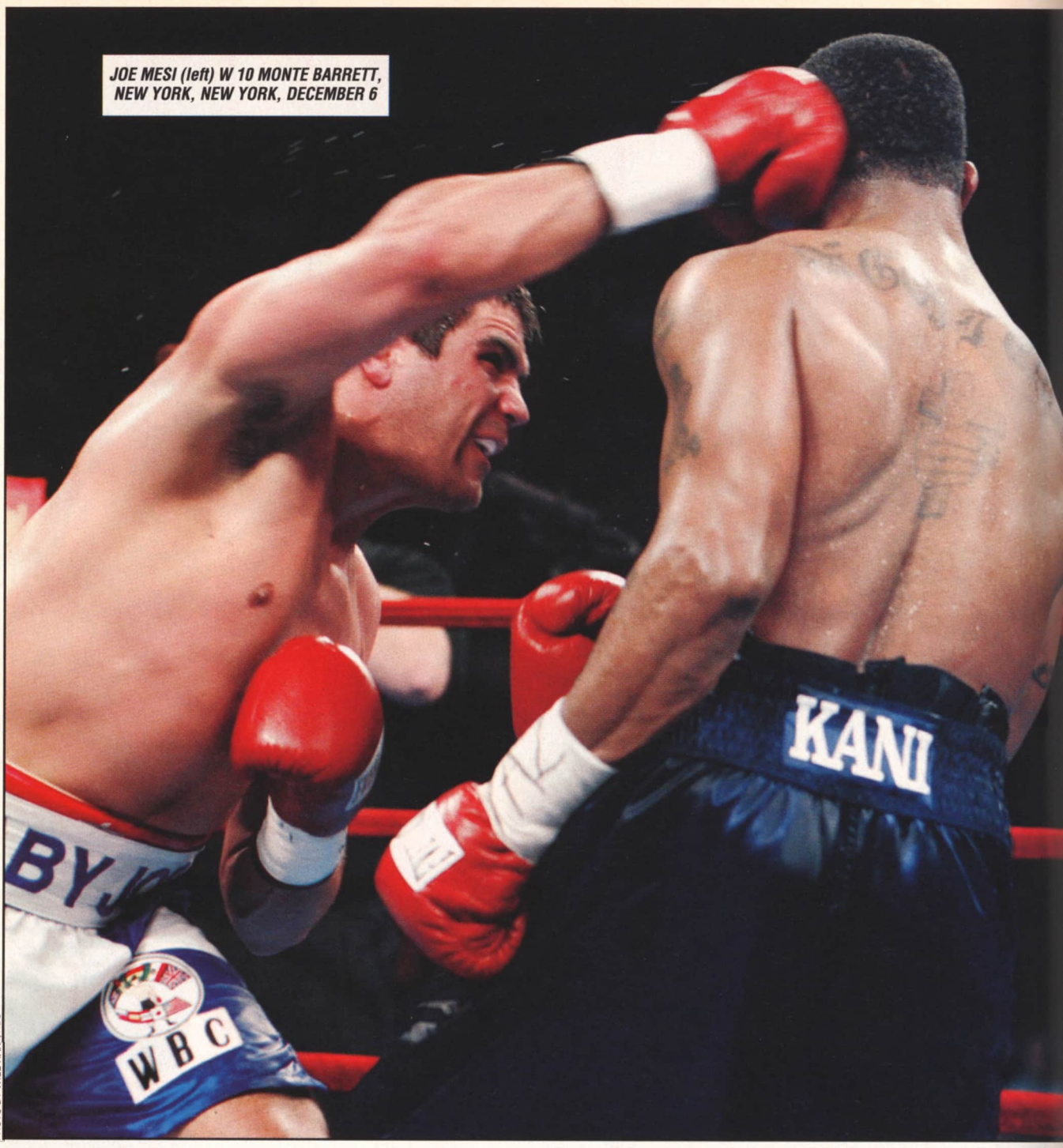

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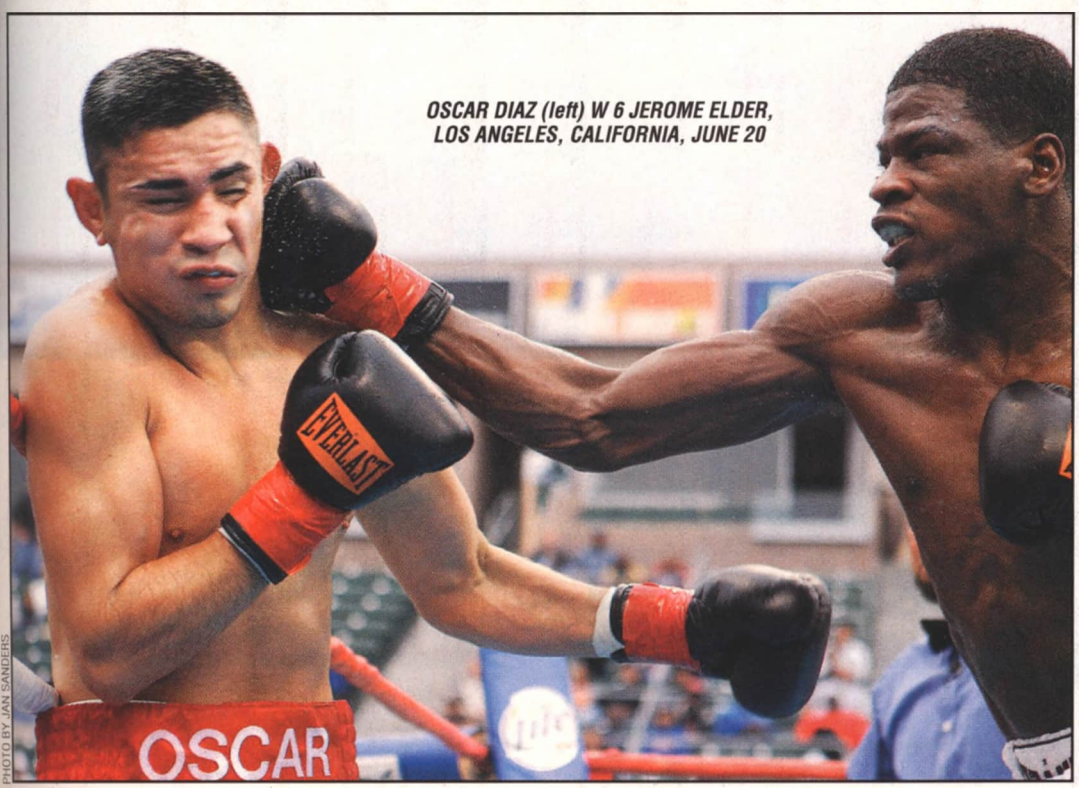

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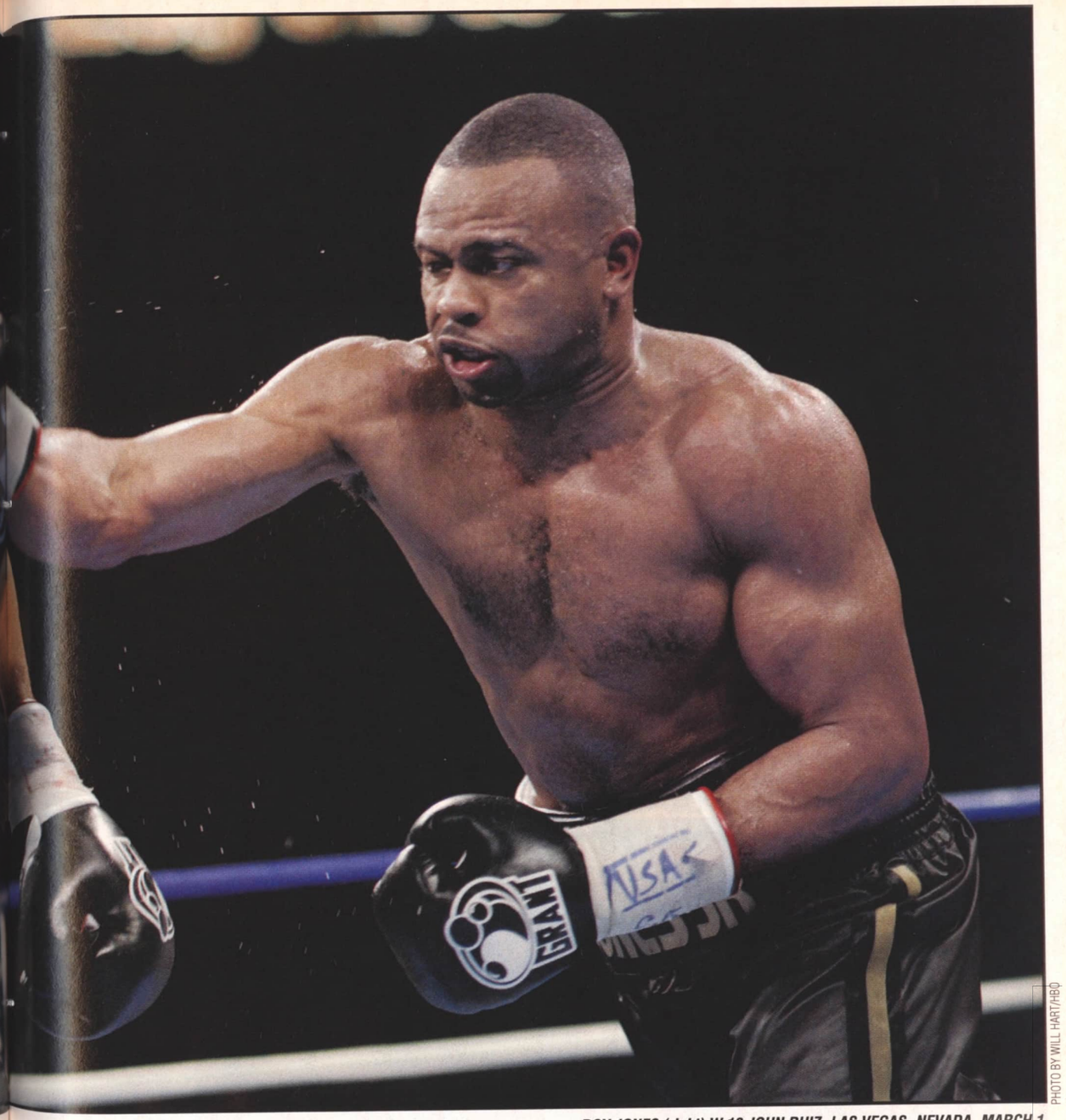

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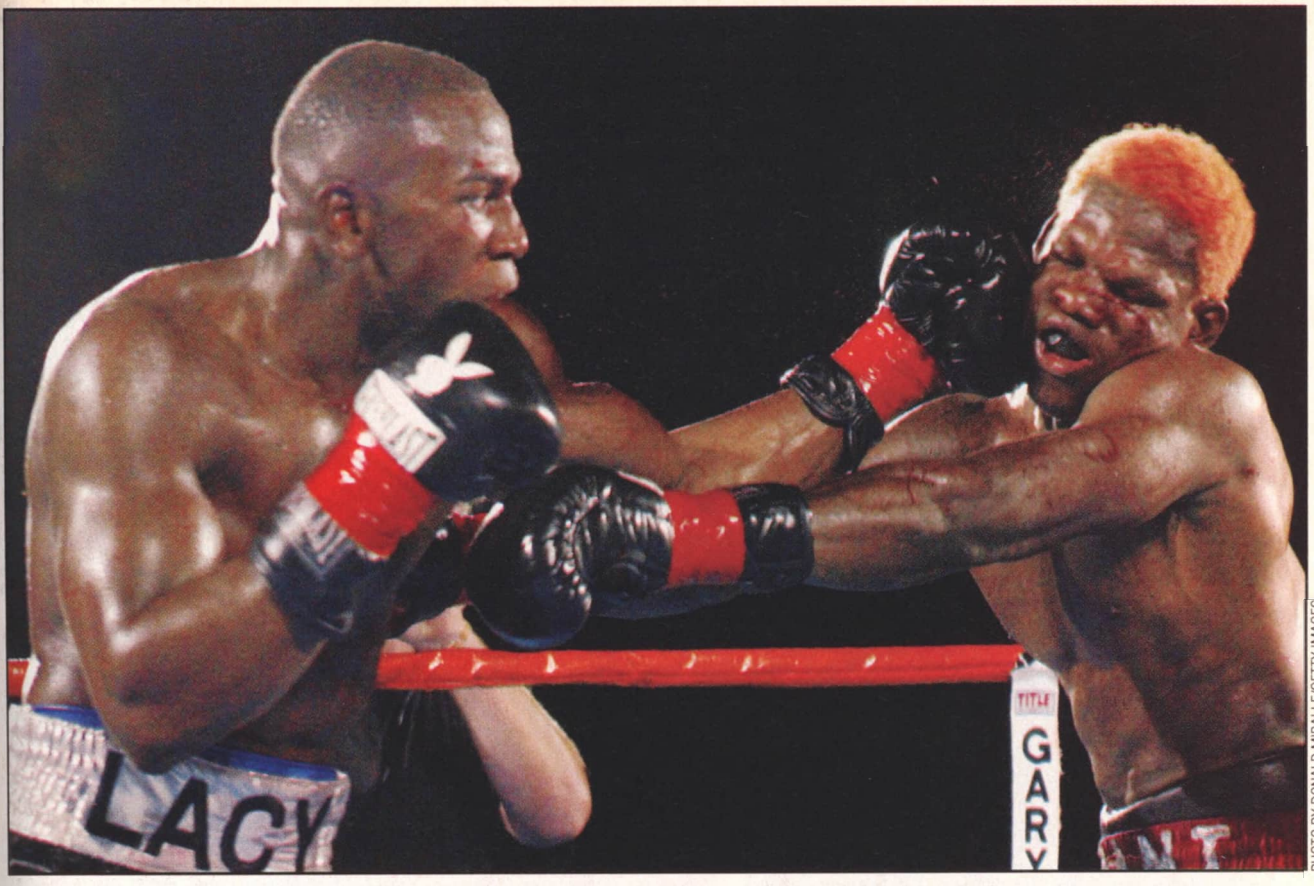

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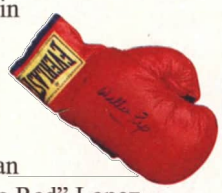

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IN THE CORNER

What takes place during the 60-second rest period between rounds can be just as critical as what occurs during the fight itself. There are cuts to be staunched, swellings to be tamed, and advice to be dispensed. Moreover, the cornermen have to perform with the precision of a NASCAR pit crew, with each member of the team fulfilling his function within the few seconds available. Whether it's topping off the fighter's fluid level, smearing his face with grease, or bucking up his confidence, each plays a vital roll in getting the boxer ready to venture once more into the unknown at the sound of the bell.

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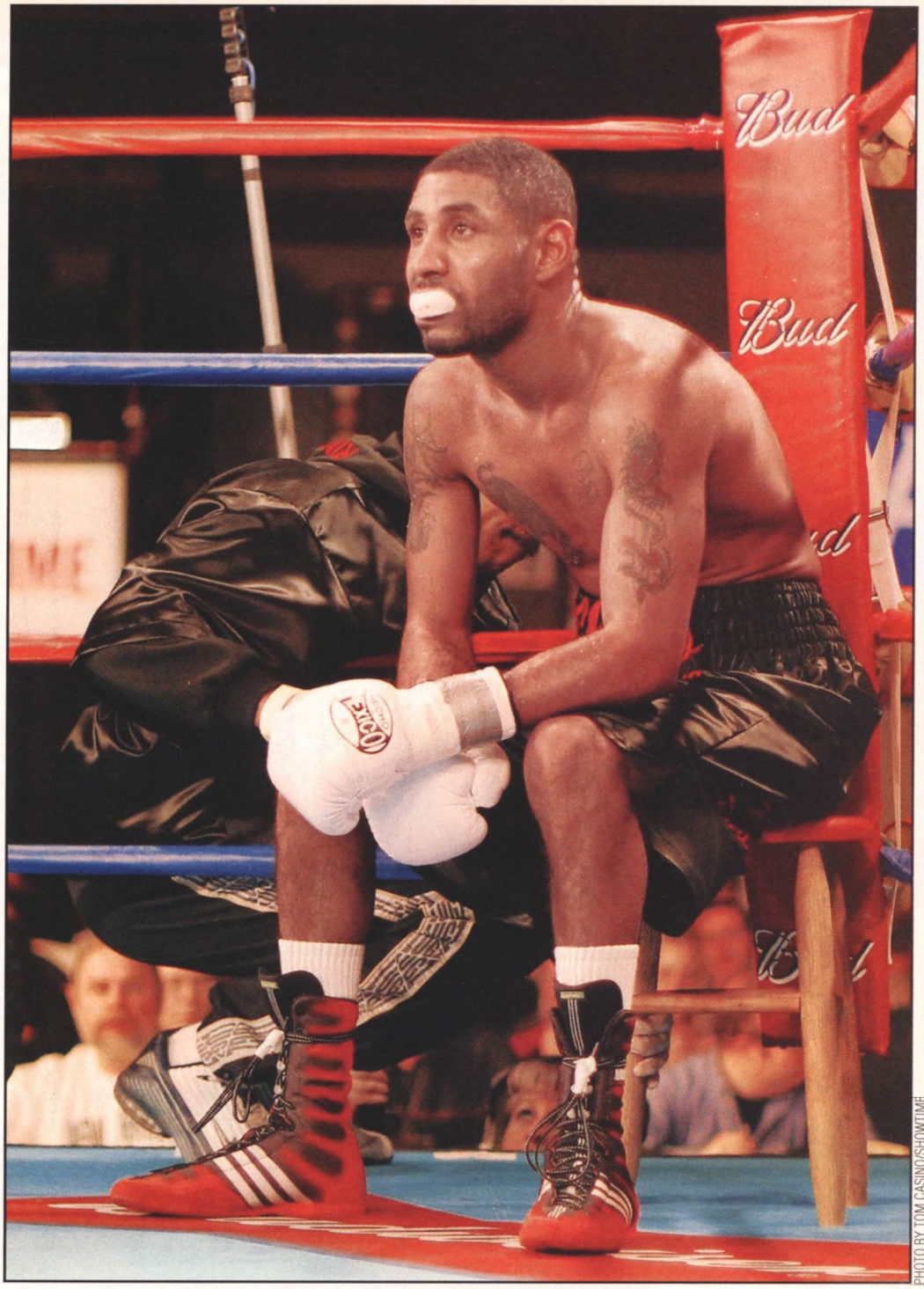

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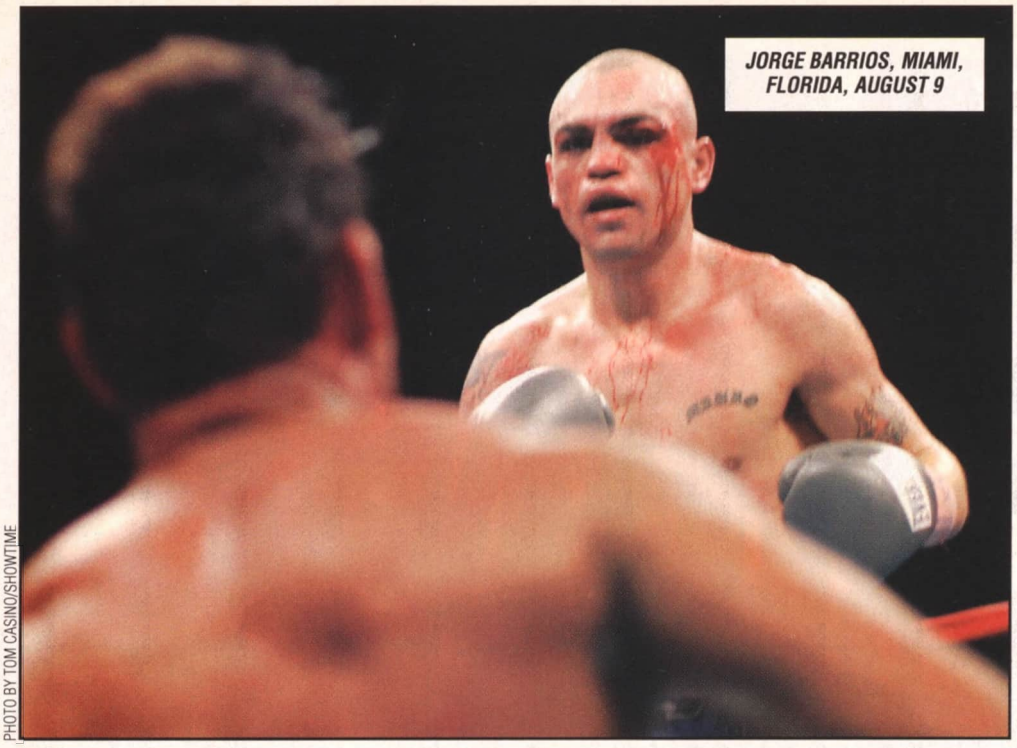

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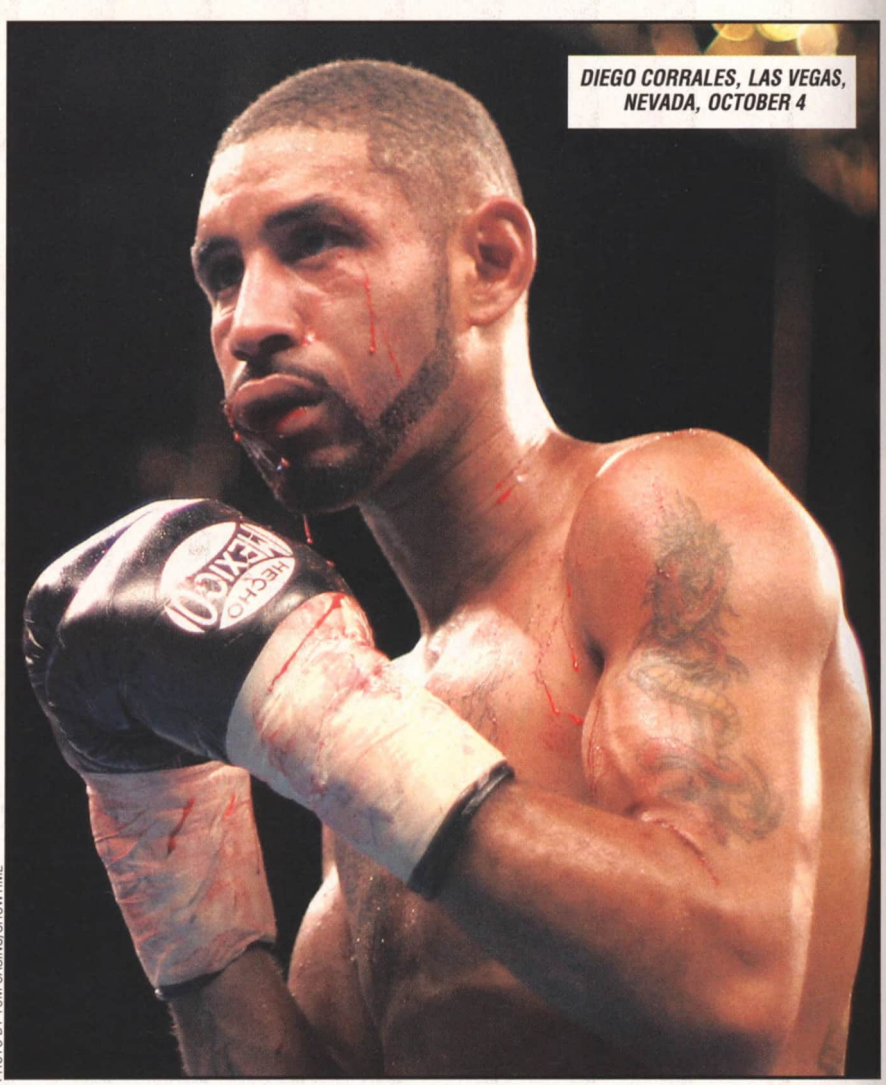

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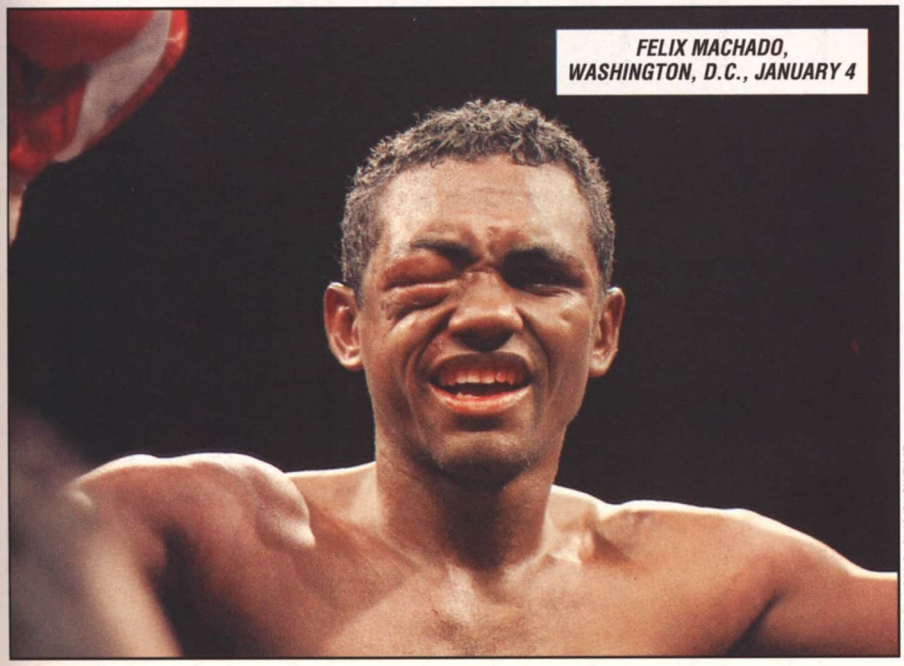

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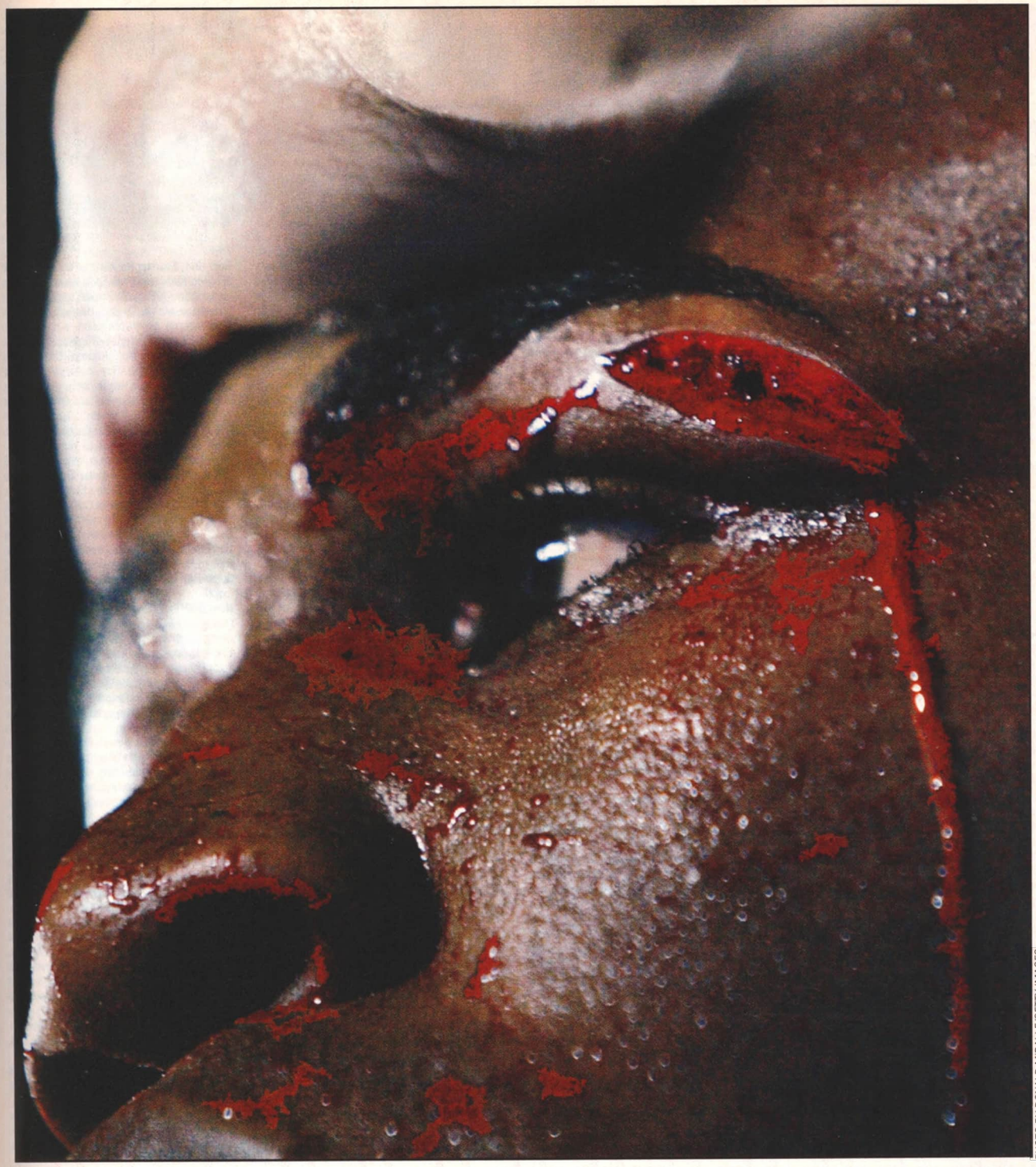

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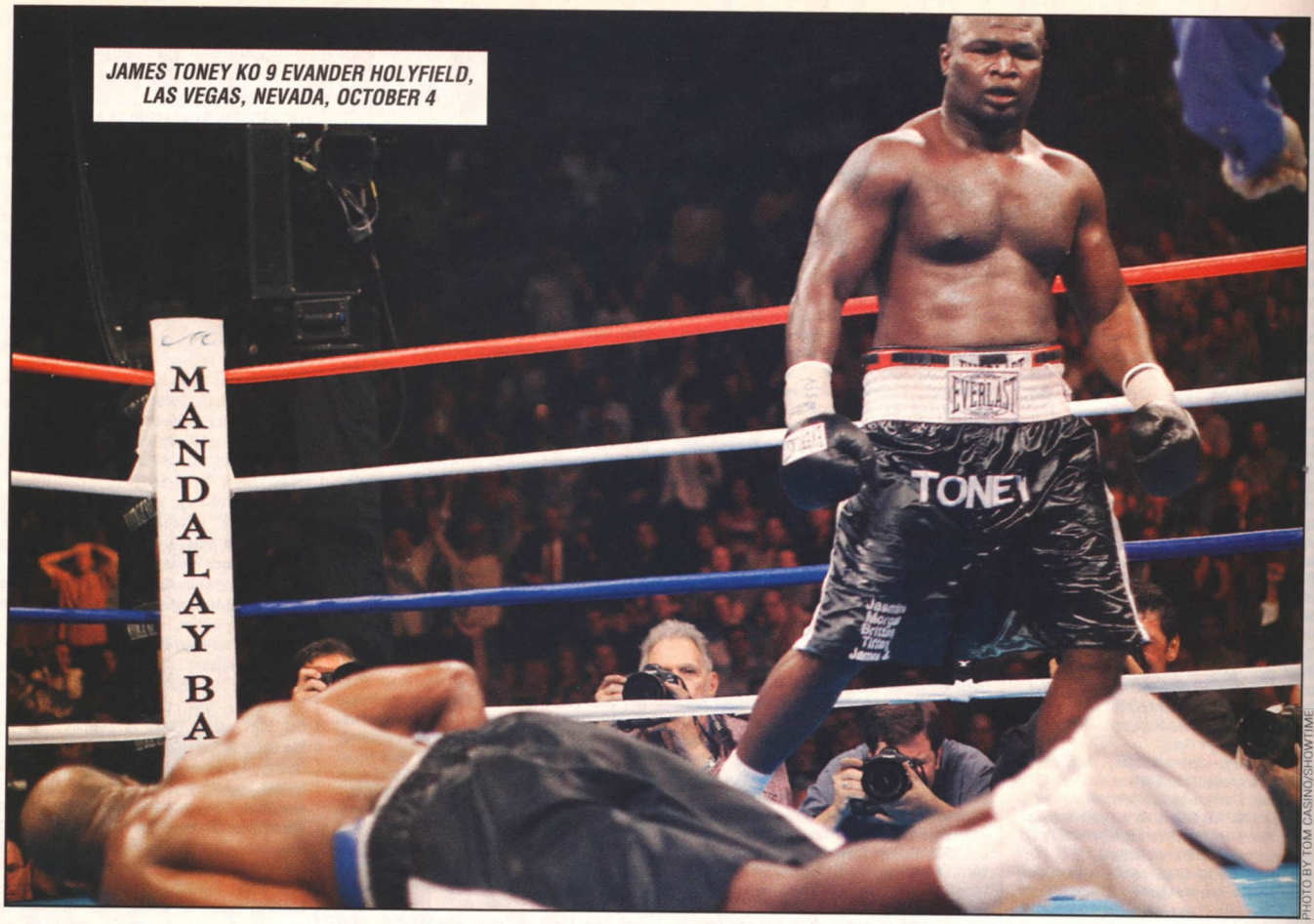

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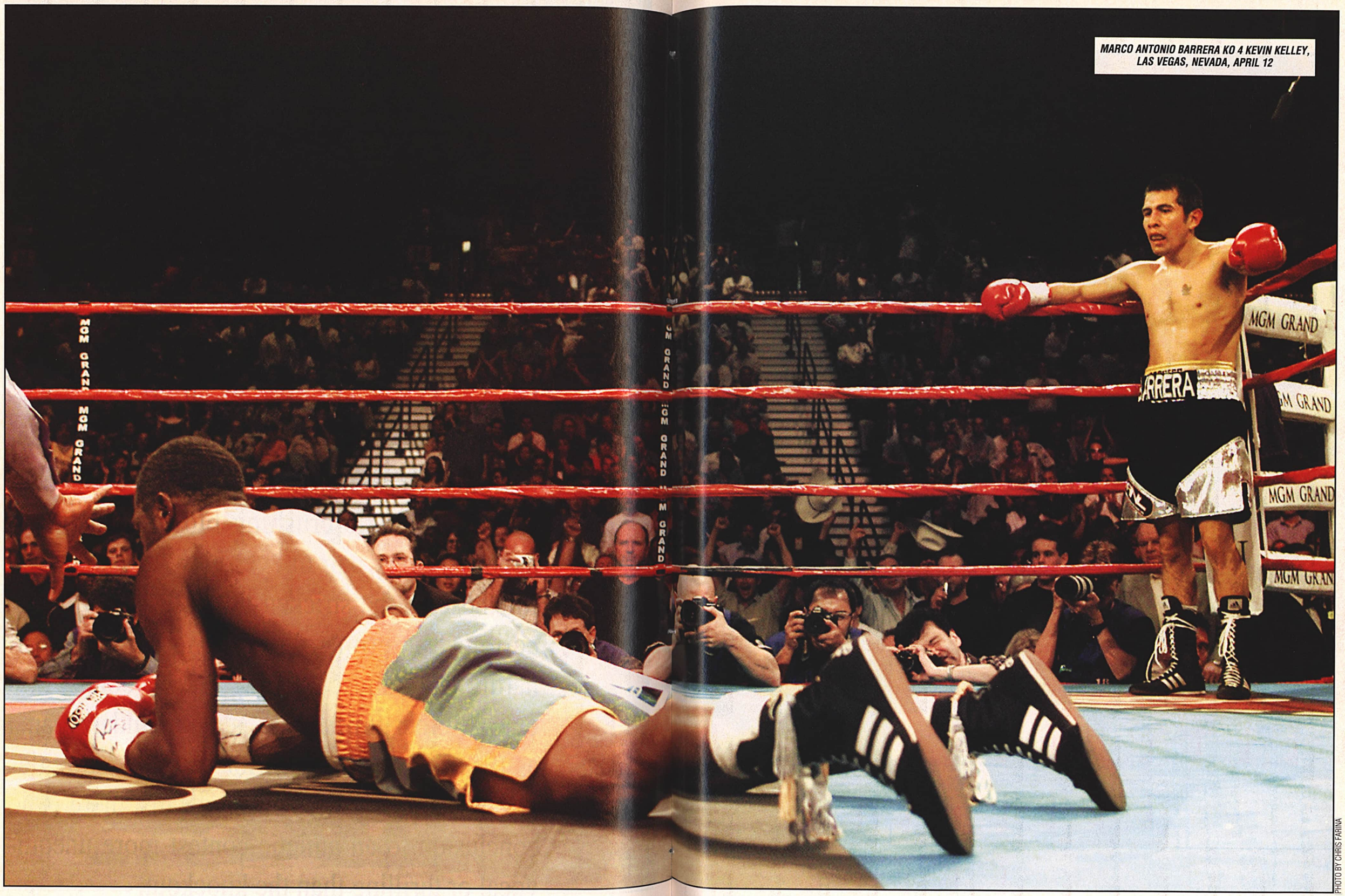

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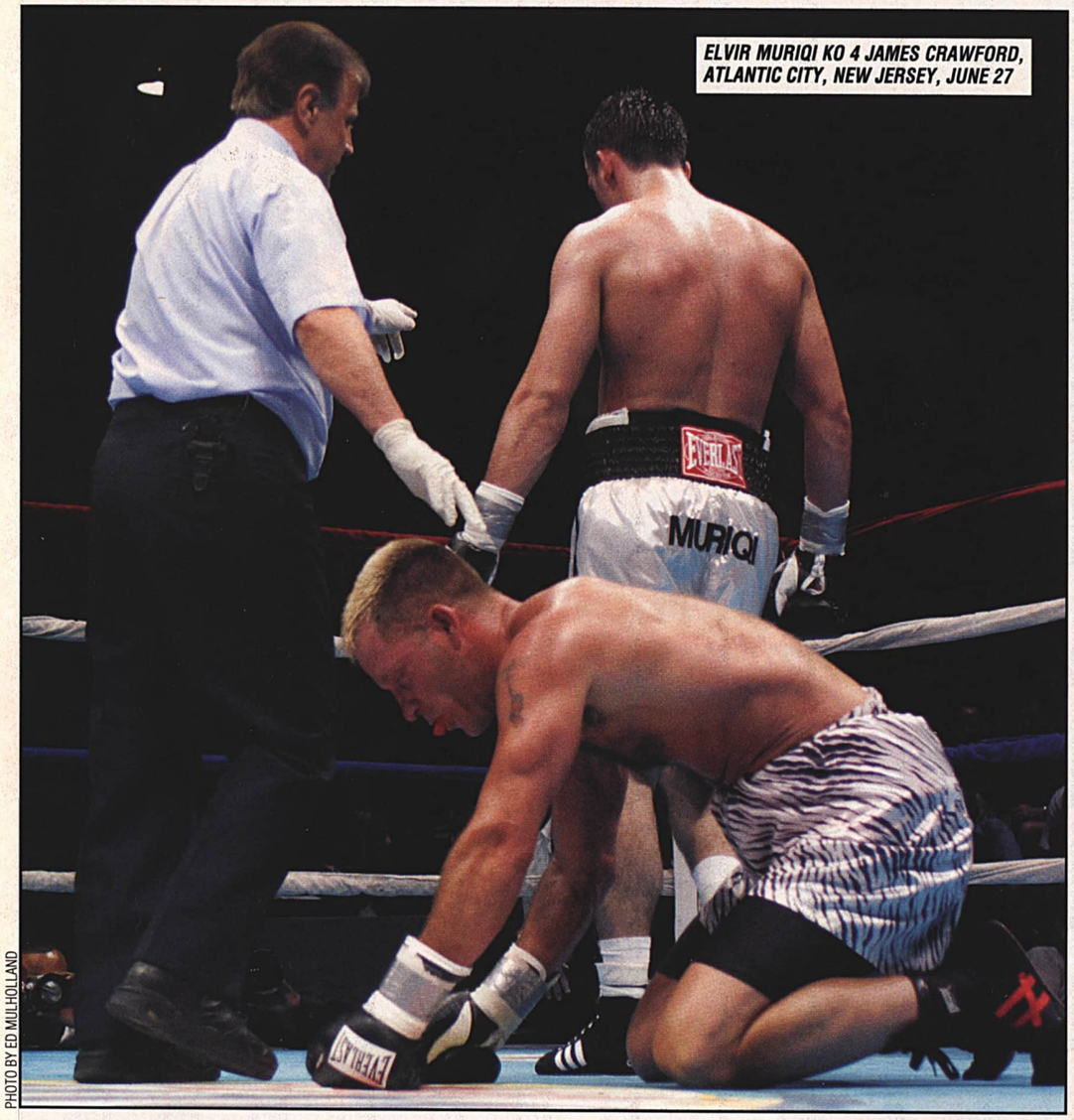

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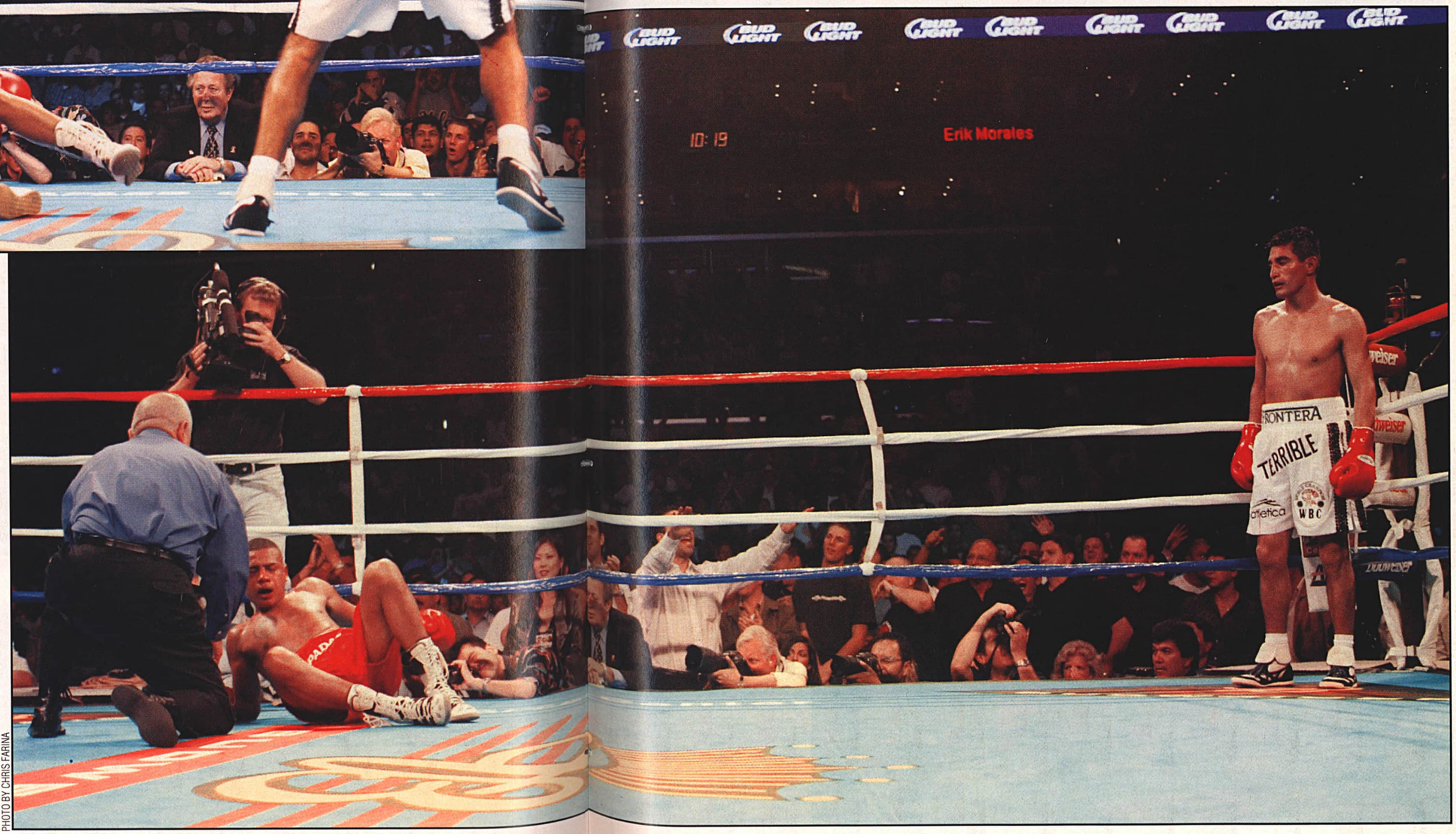

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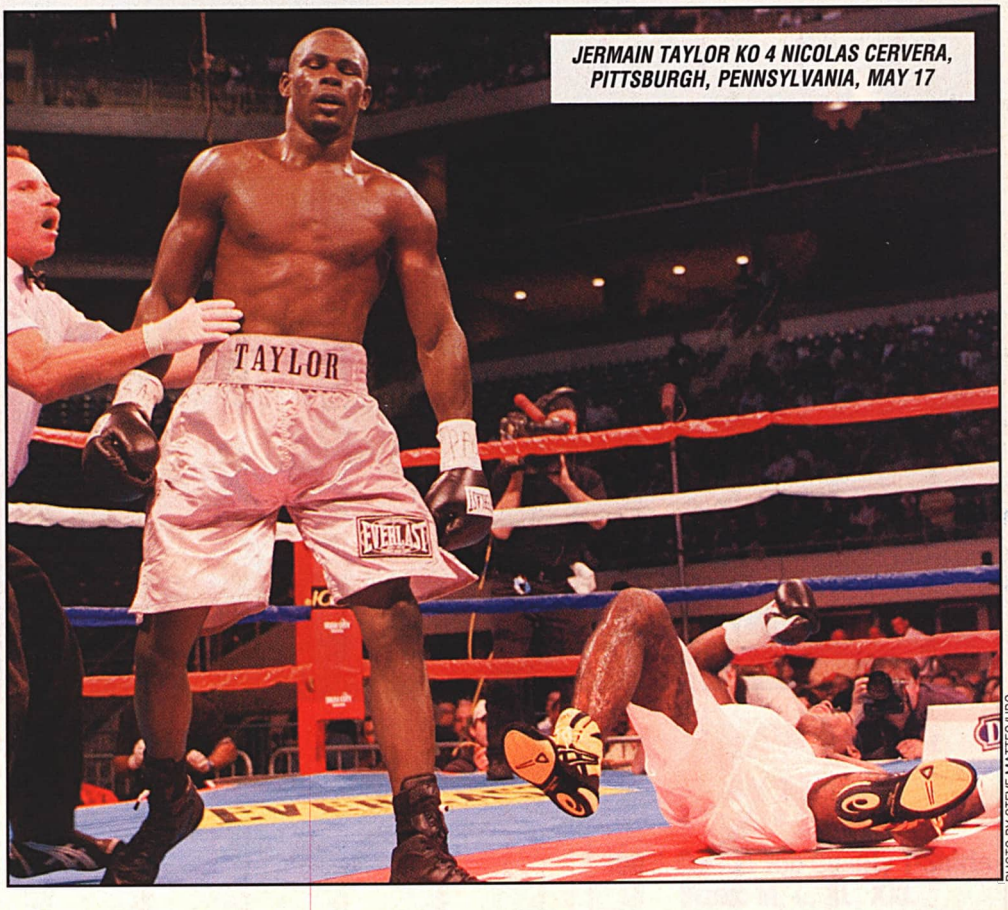

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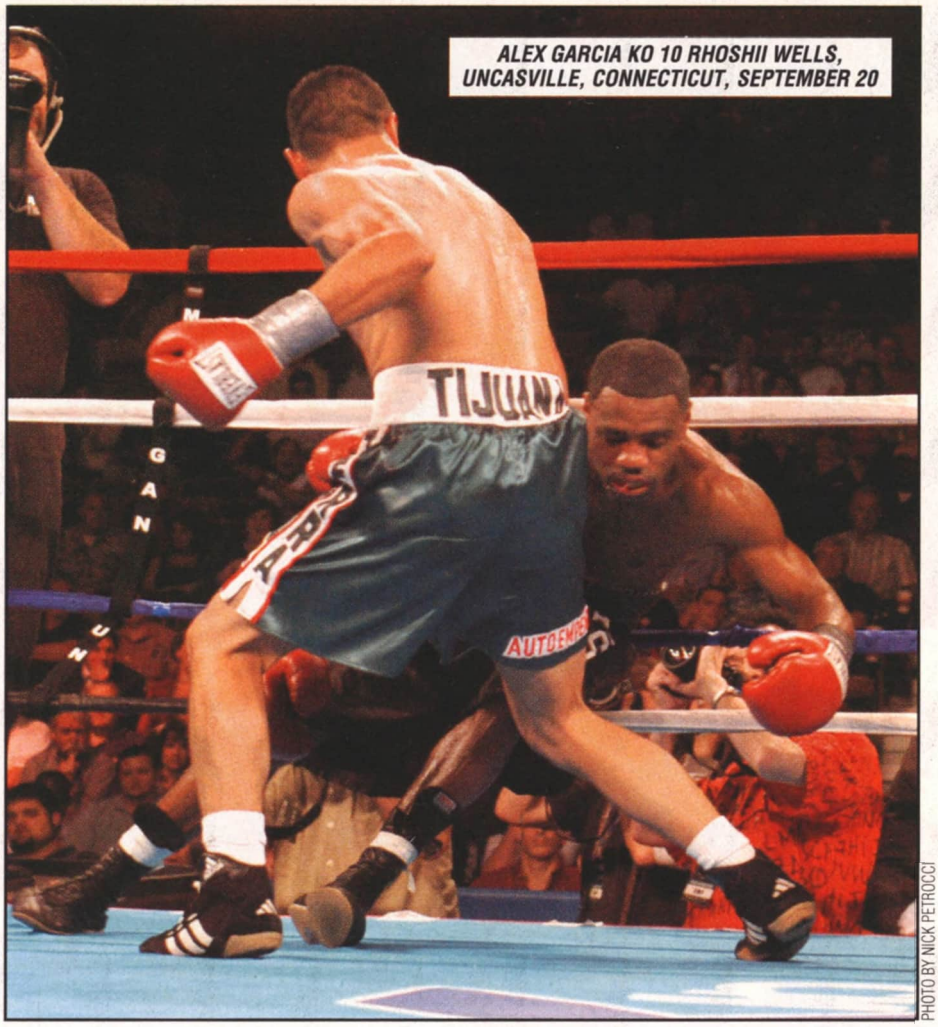

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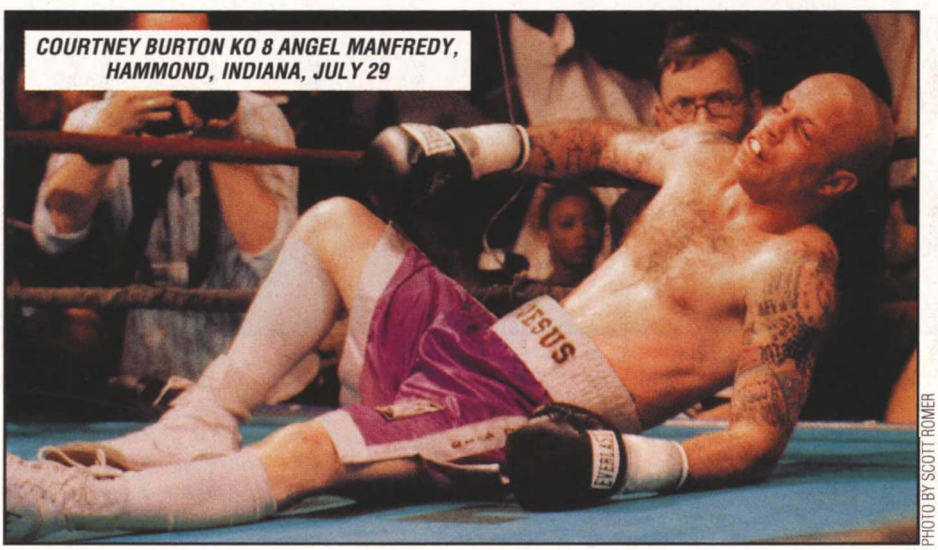

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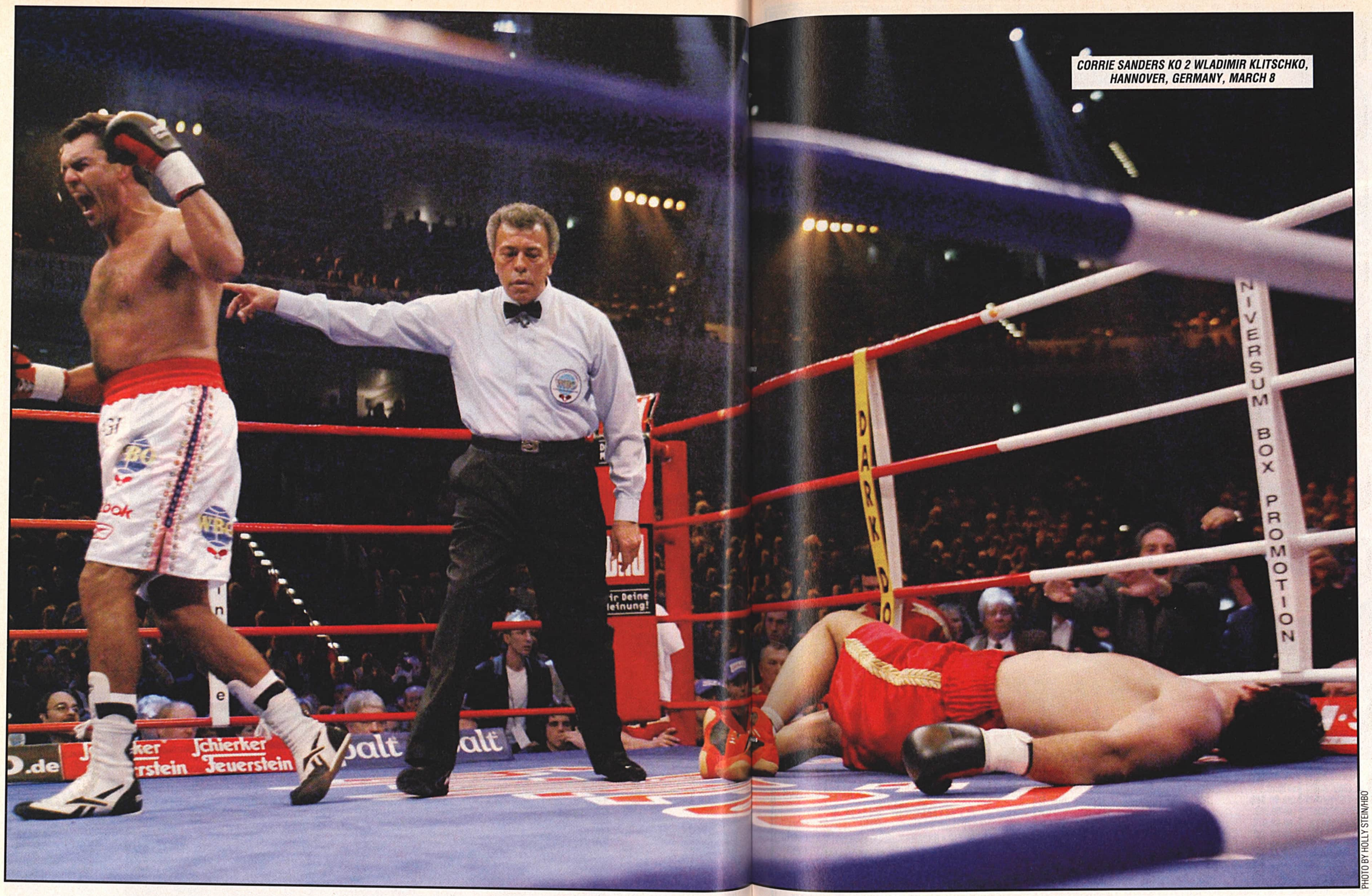
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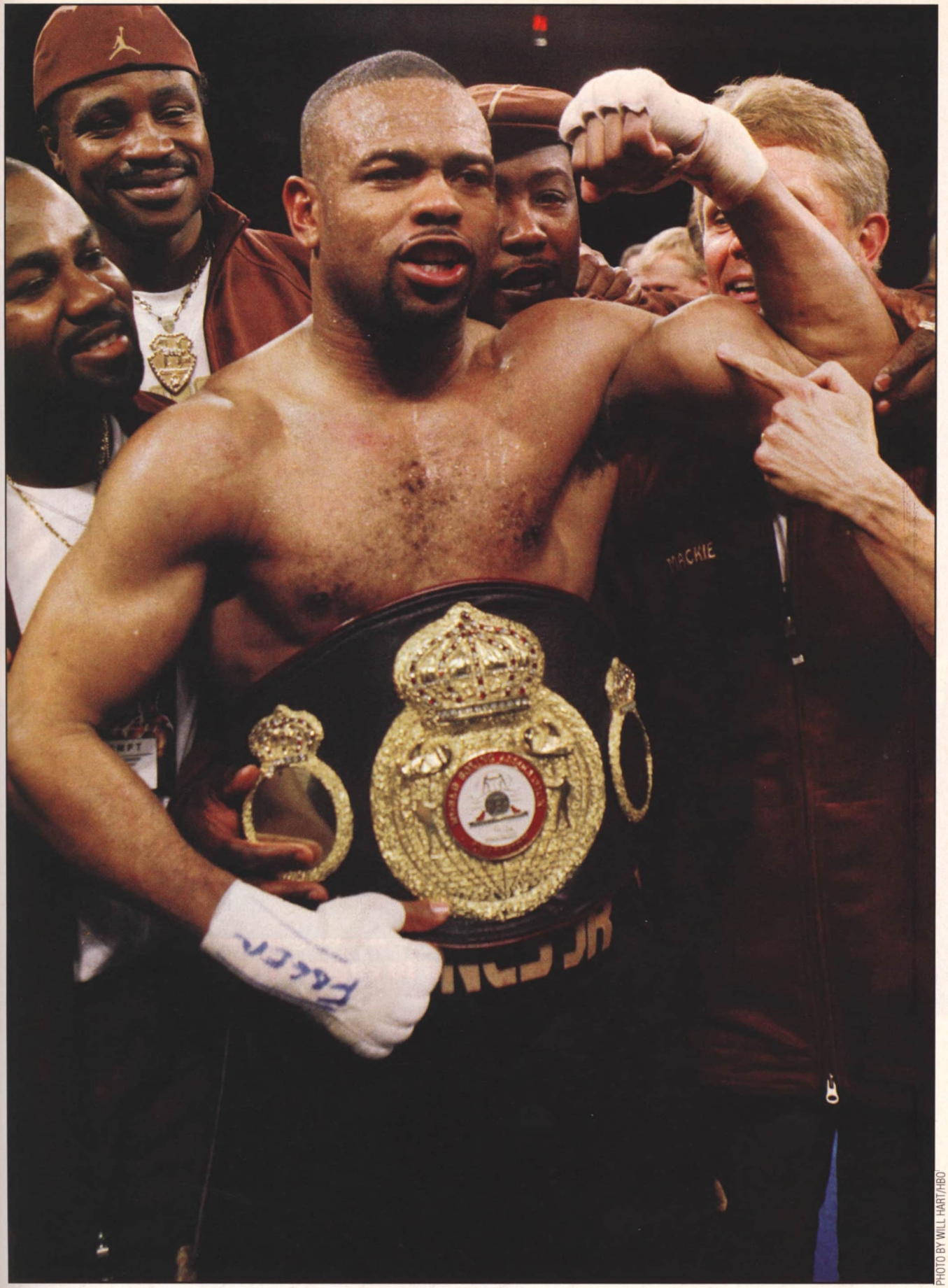

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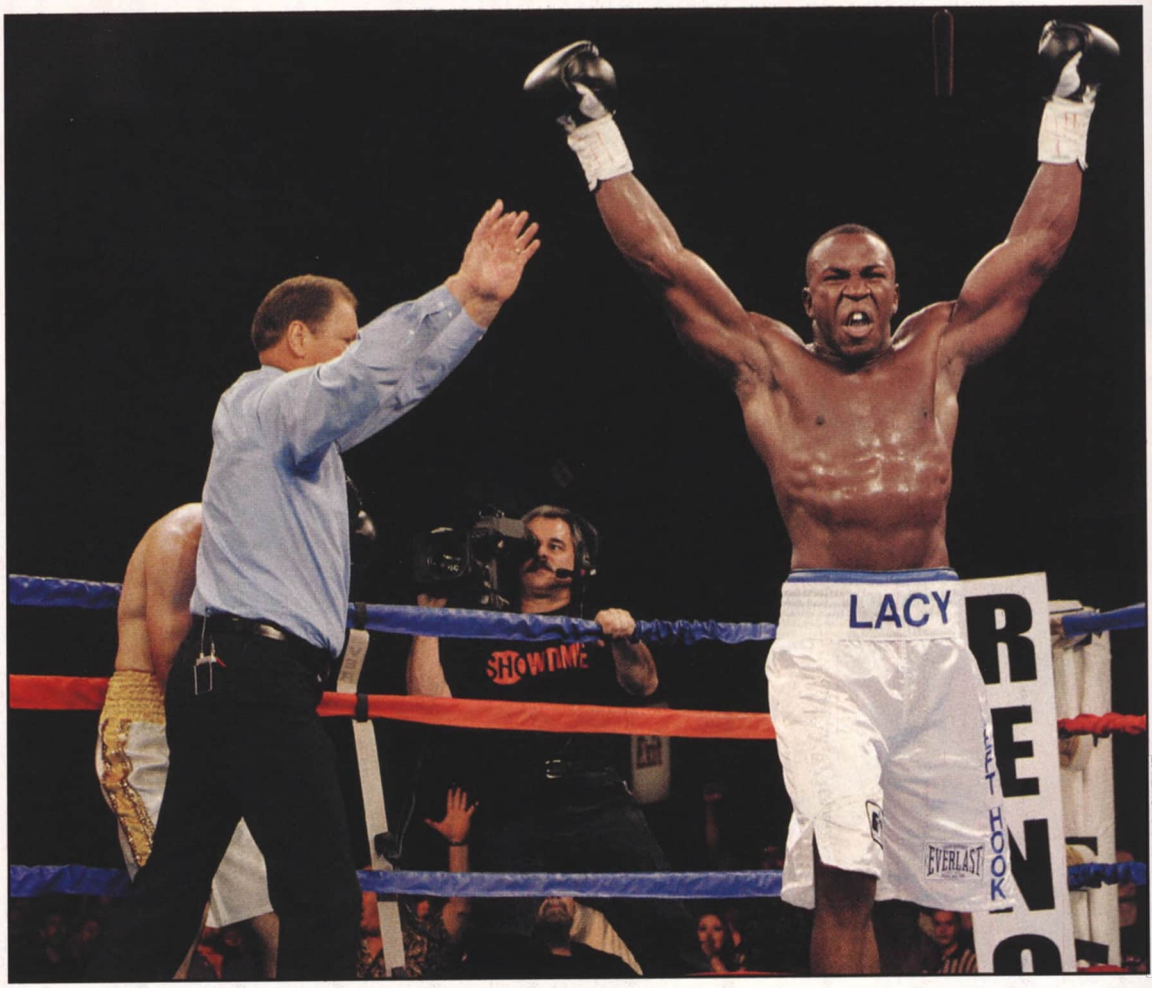

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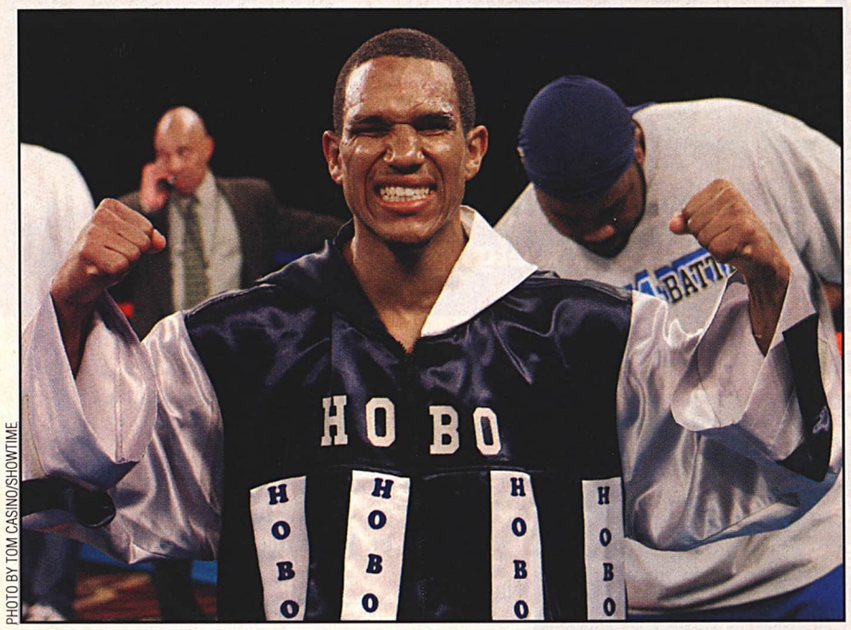

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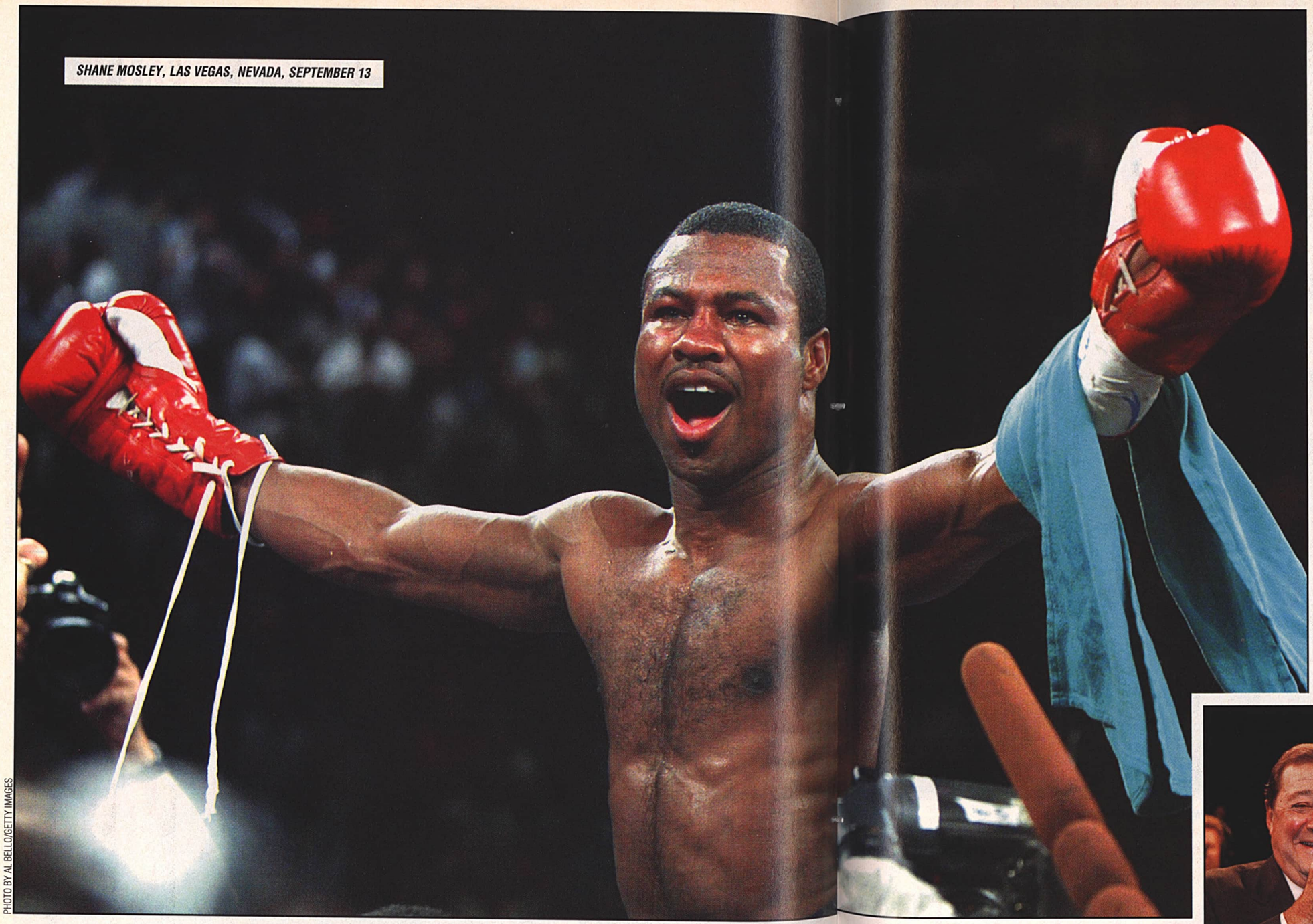

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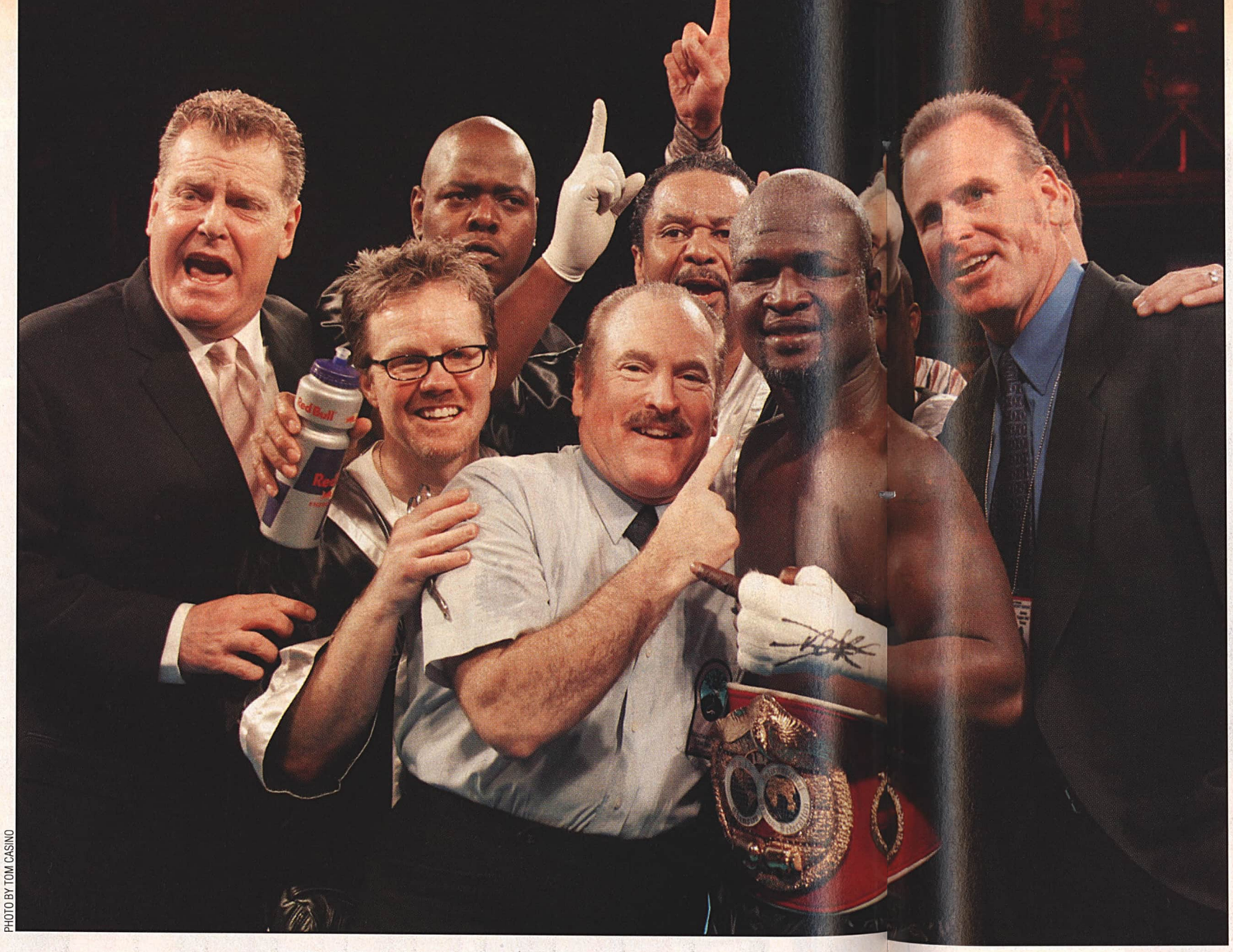

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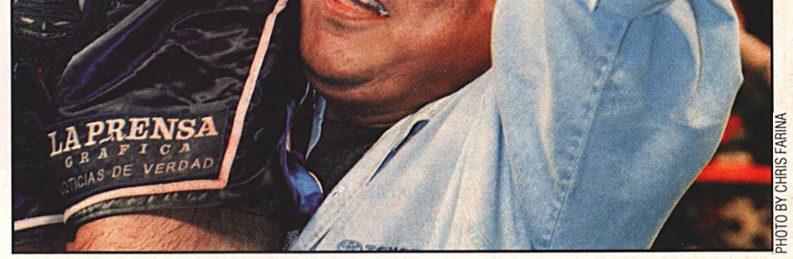

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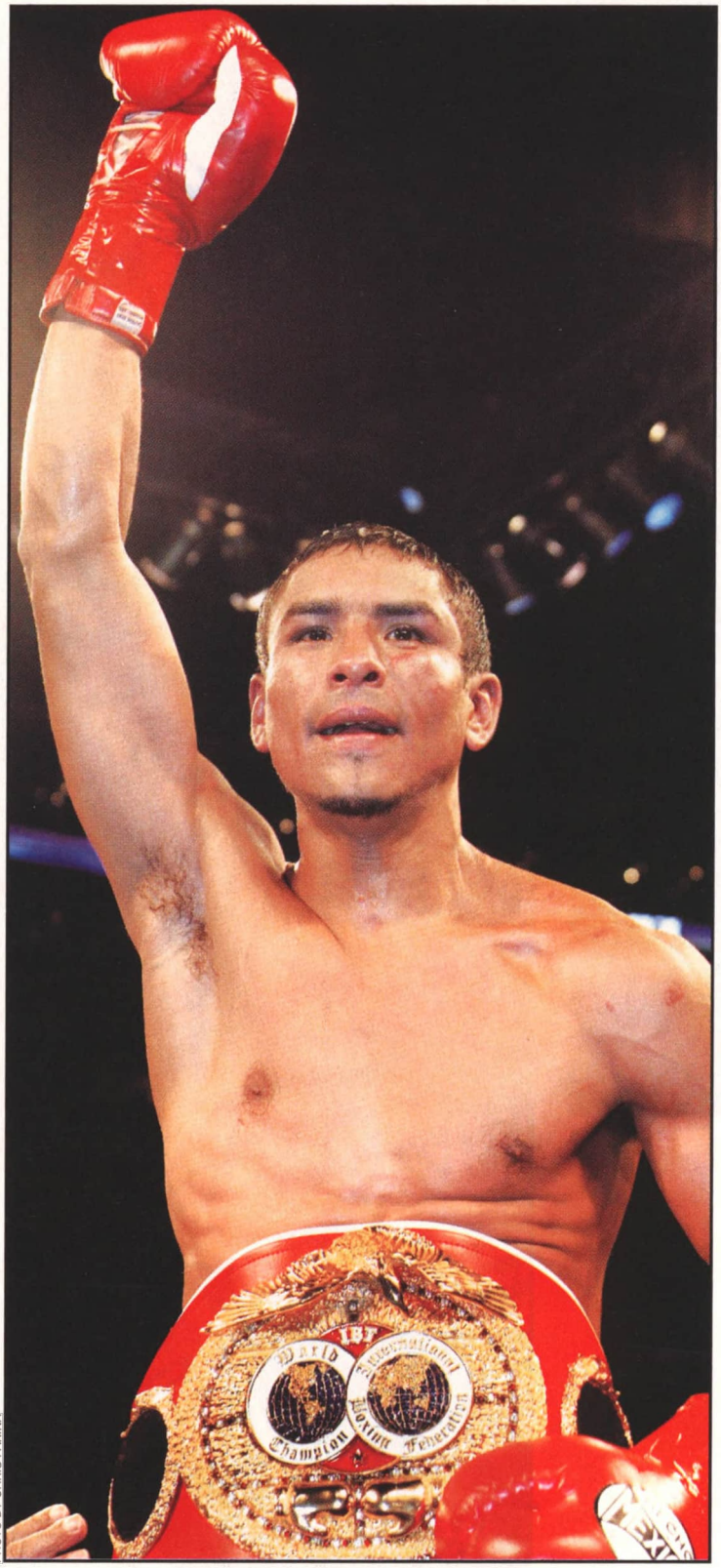

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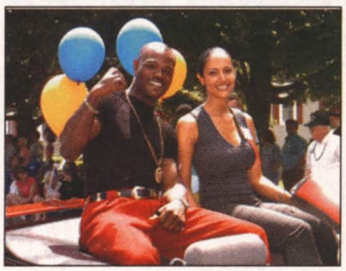

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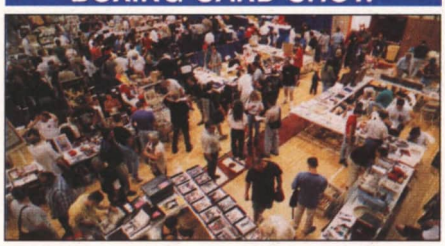

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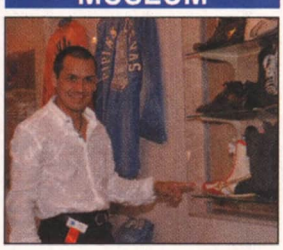

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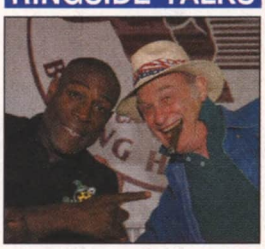

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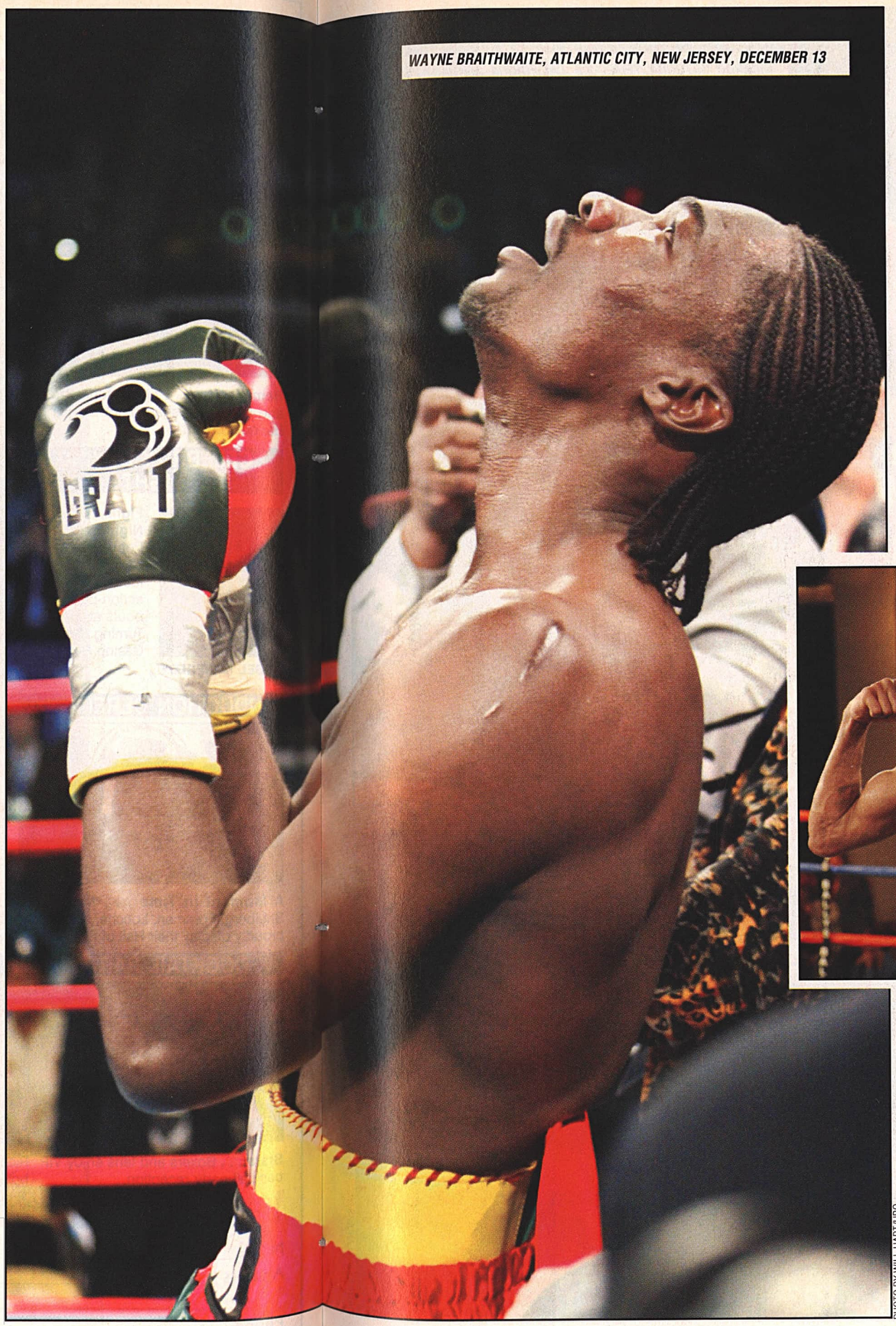

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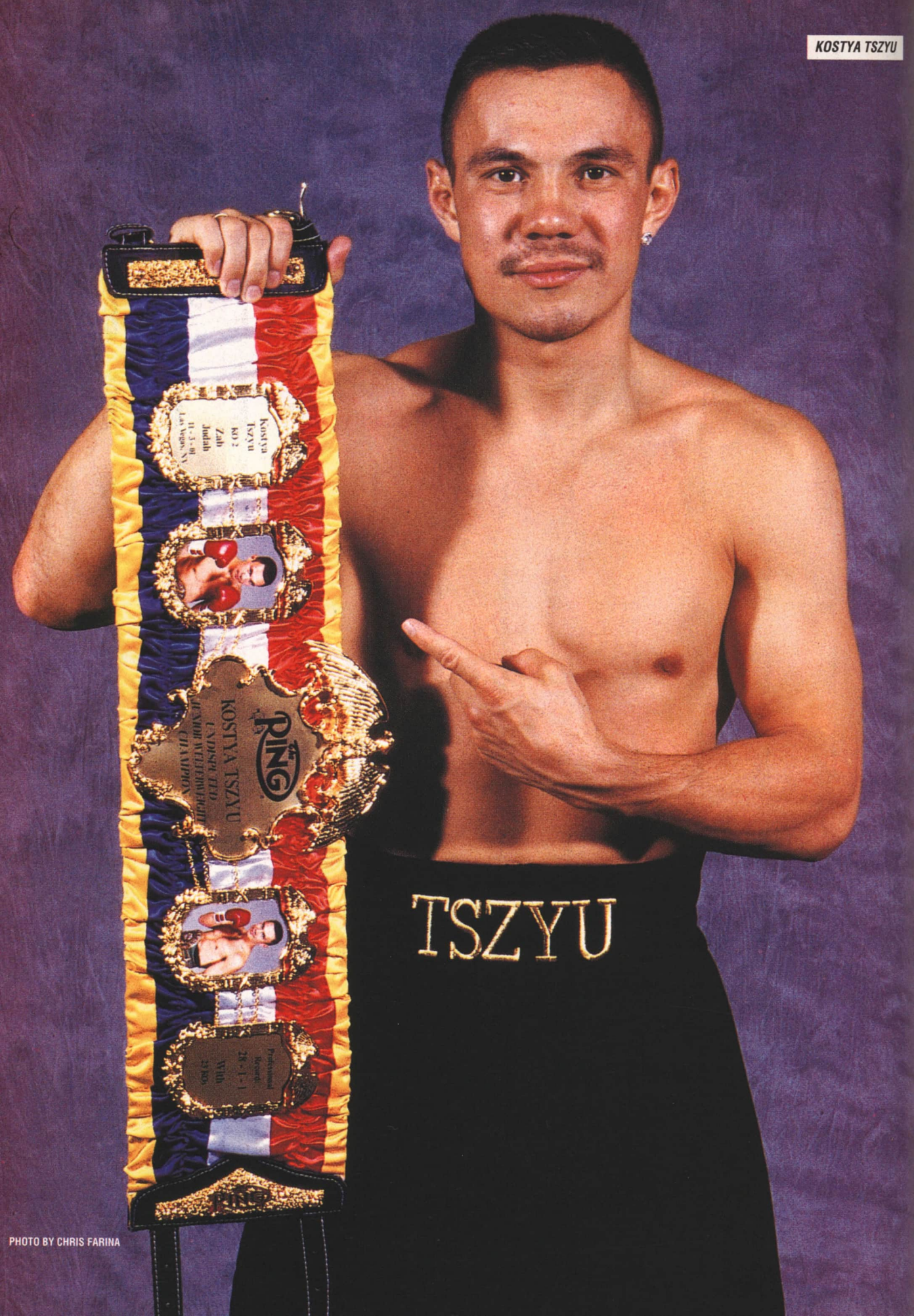

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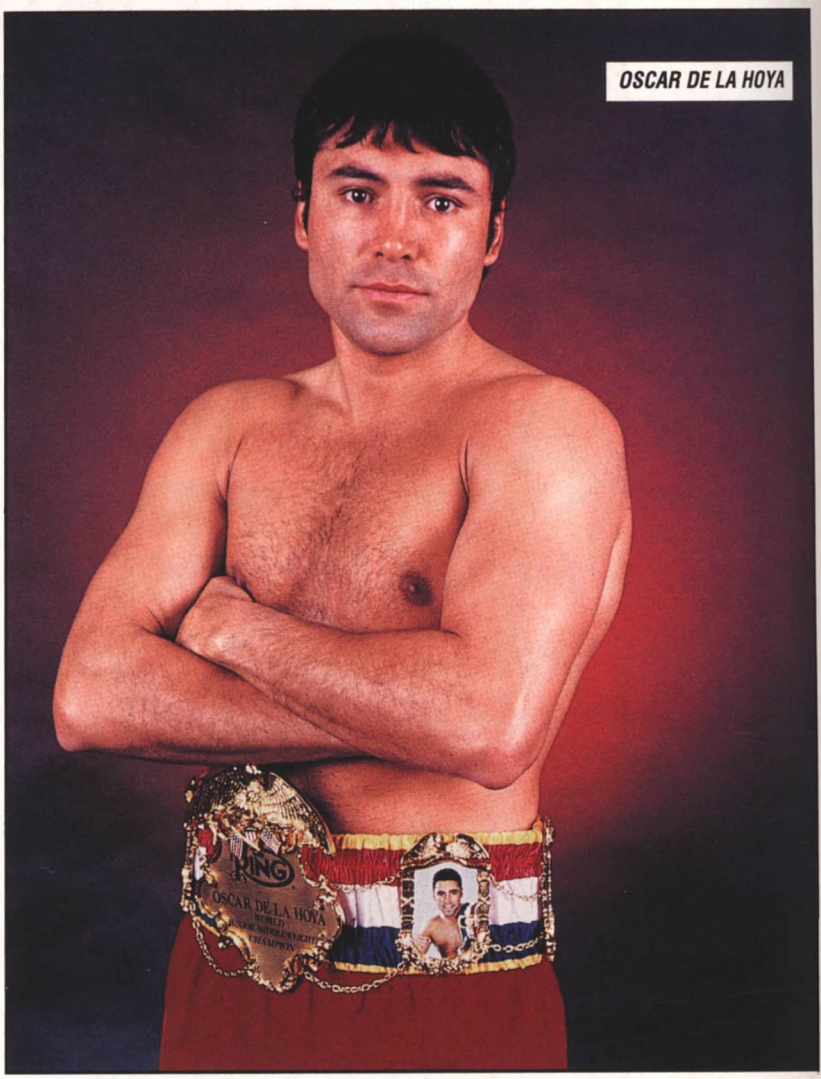

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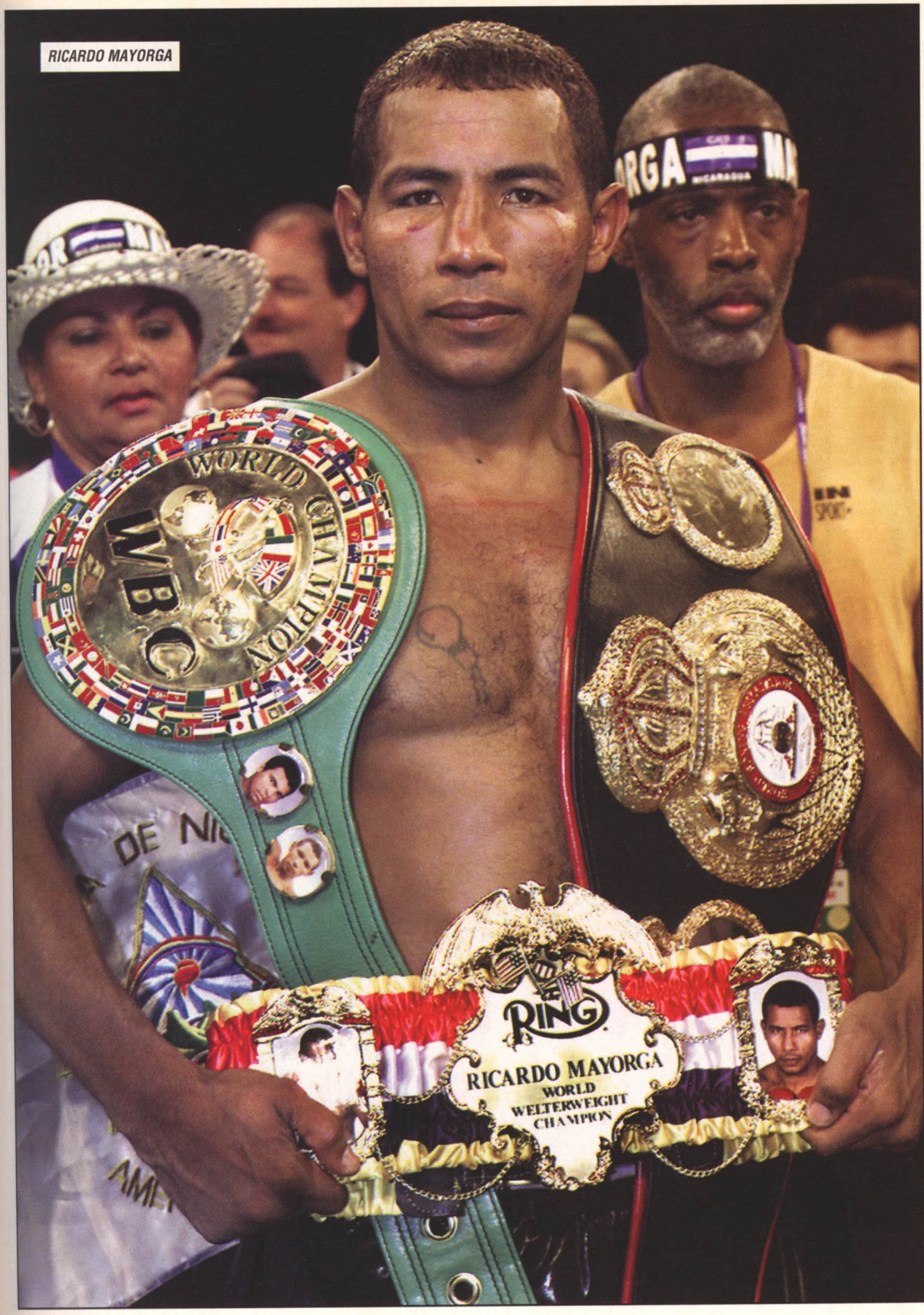

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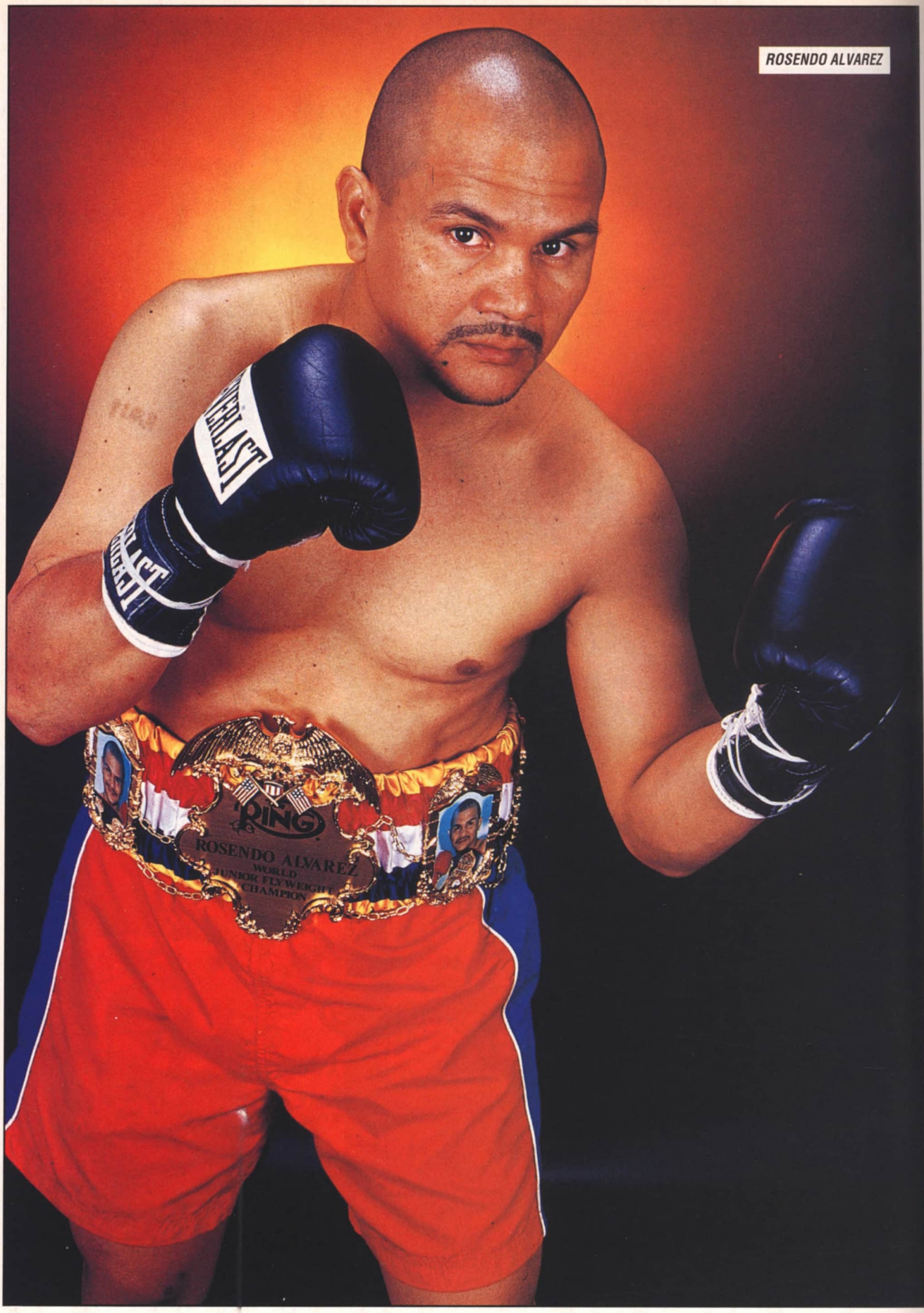

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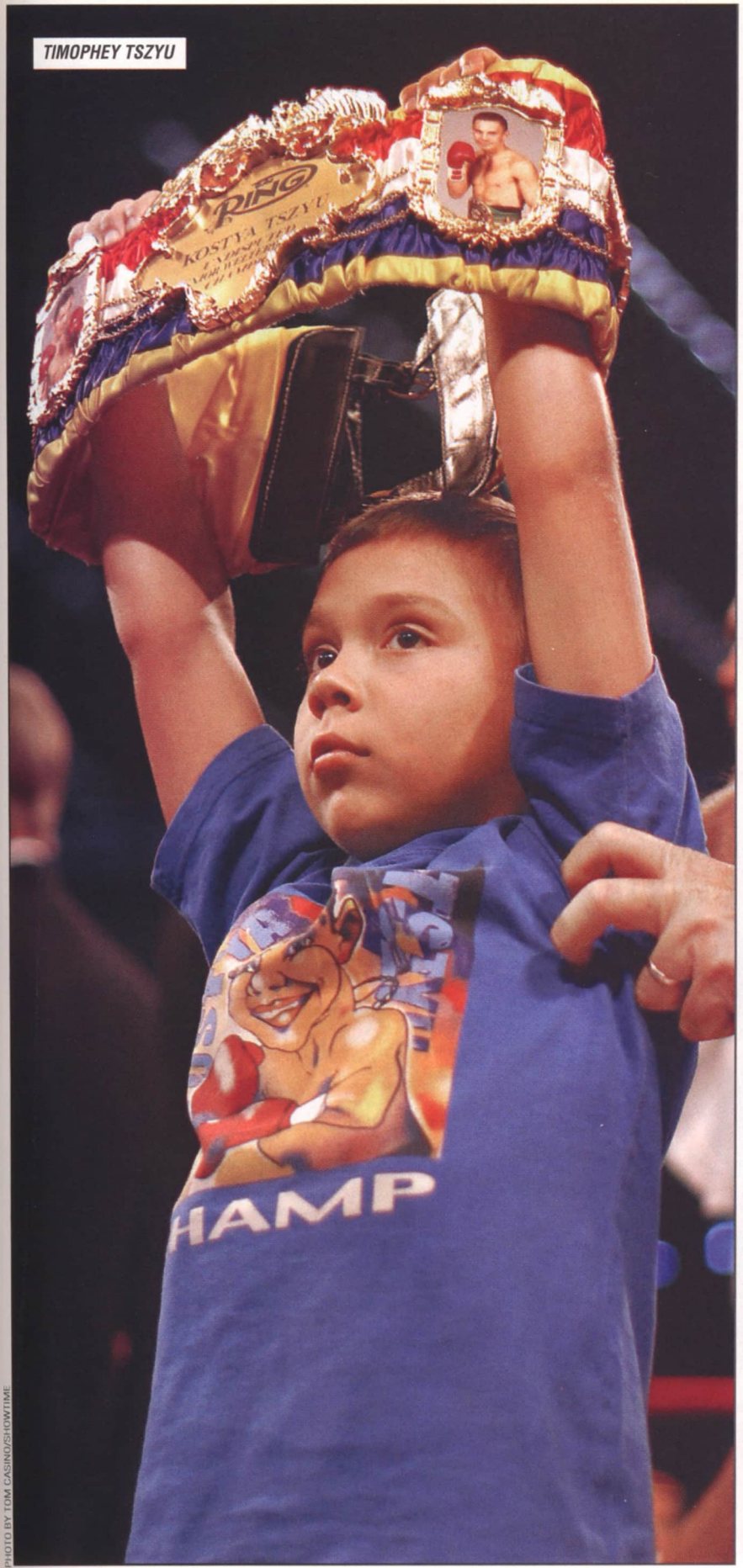

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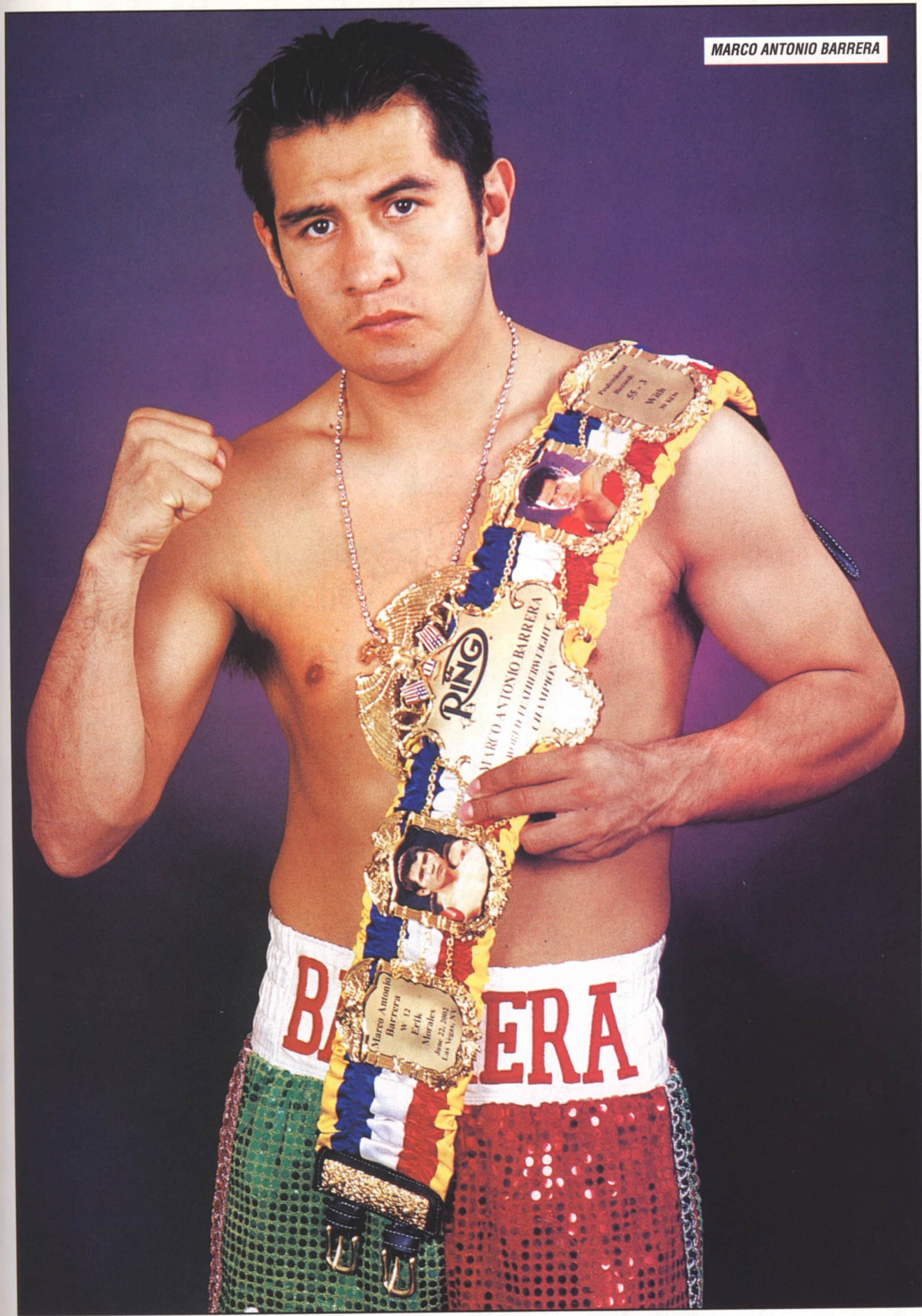

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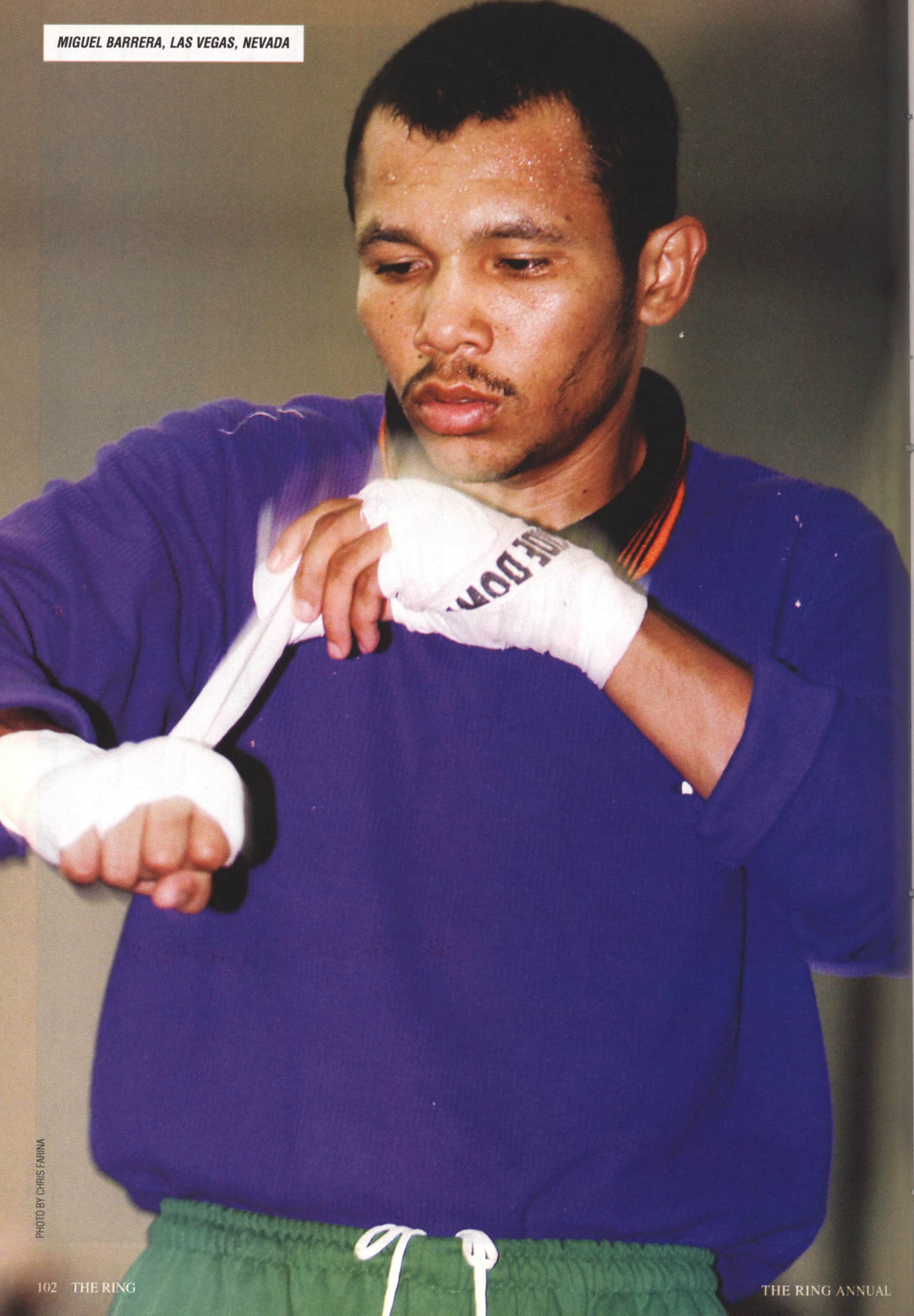

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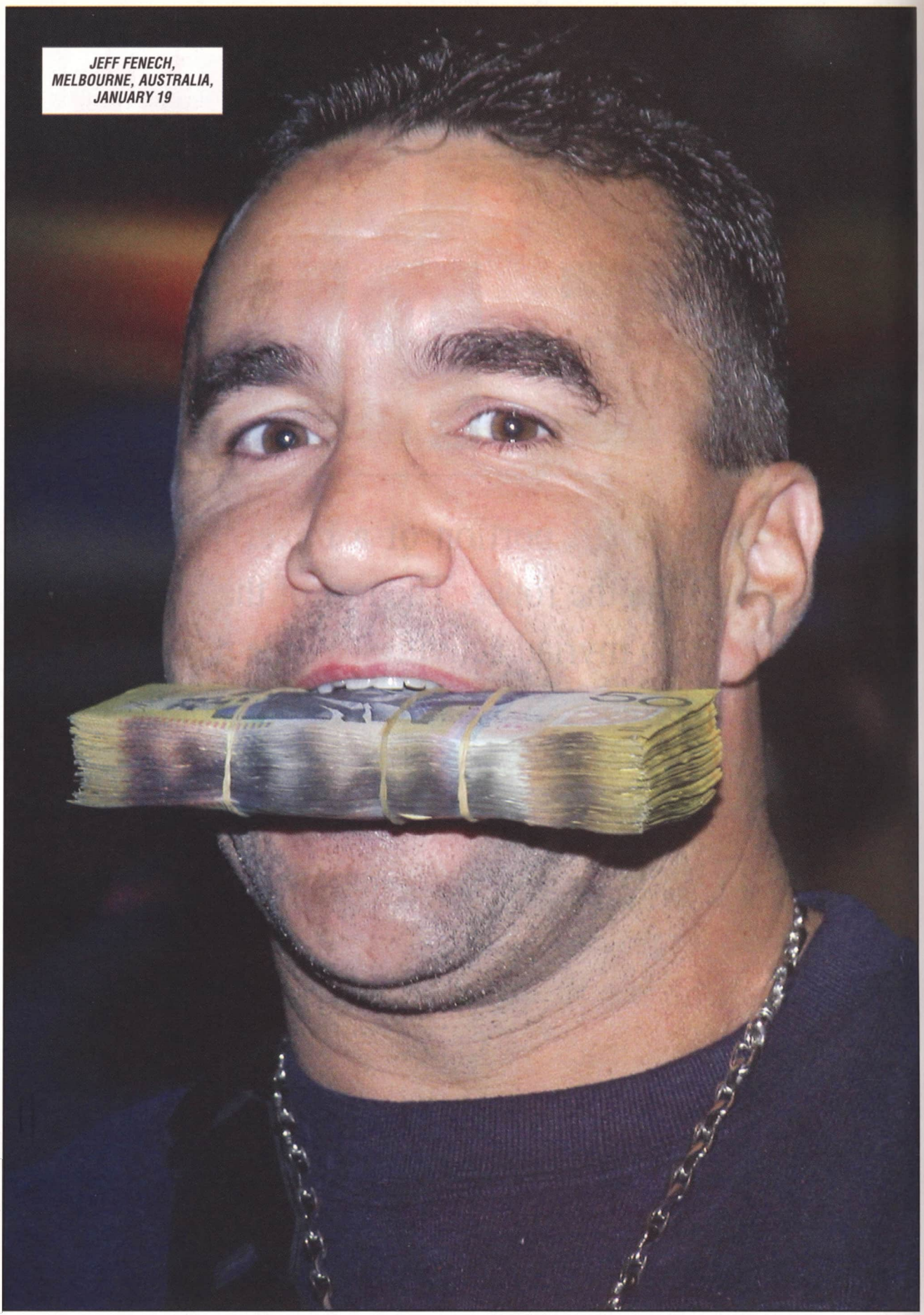
Only a small portion of a boxer's life is lived between the ropes. The rest of the time is taken up with myriad activities. While the daily grind of training can become mundane, other aspects of a fighter's lifestyle—press conferences, photo shoots, meeting other celebrities—can be fun and occasionally glamorous. Unfortunately, there are also instances when fighters run afoul of the law, and end up making the wrong kind of headlines. And like the rest of us, boxers have families, and their loved ones sometimes get swept up in the euphoria of victory or the agony of defeat, making the human drama all the more compelling.



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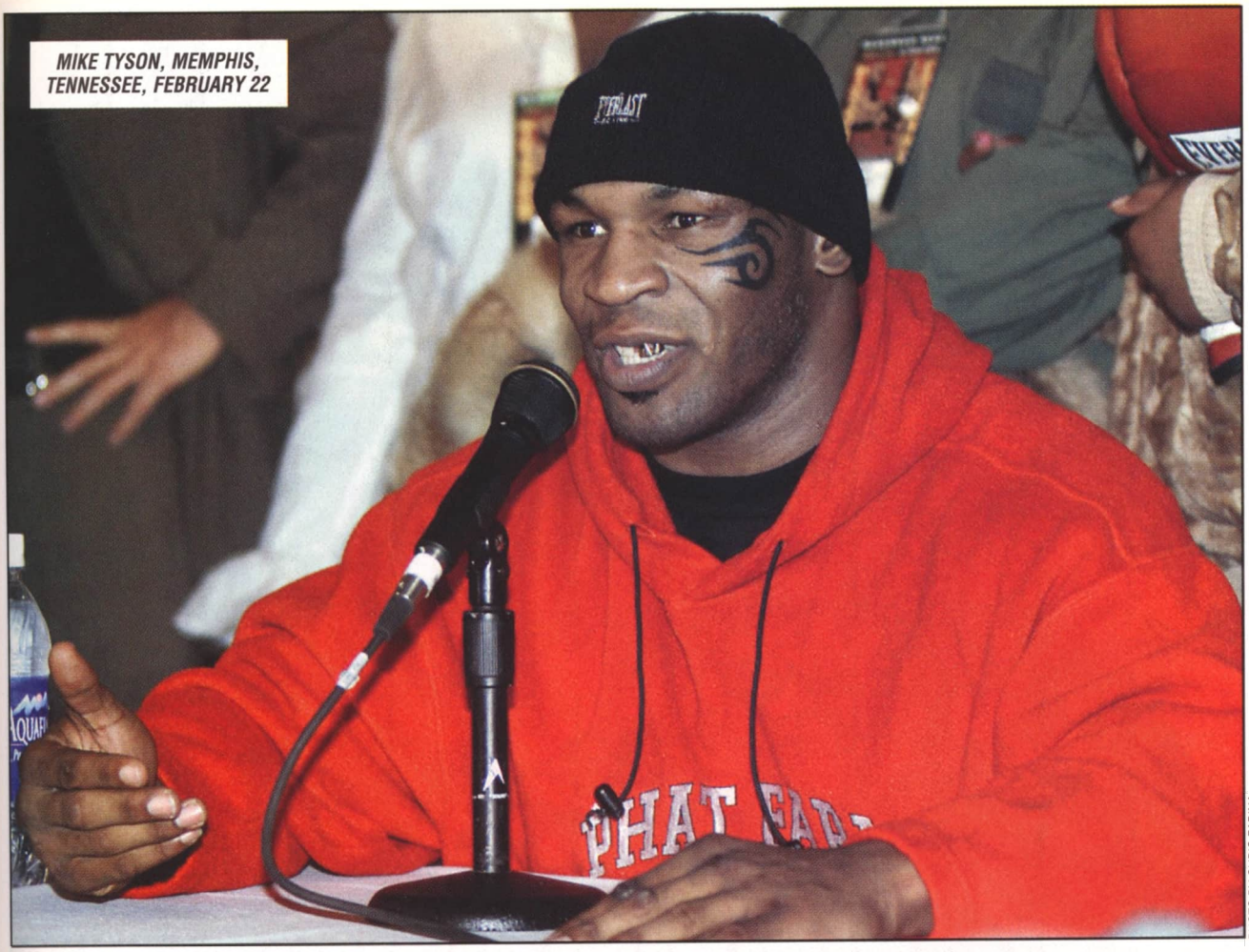

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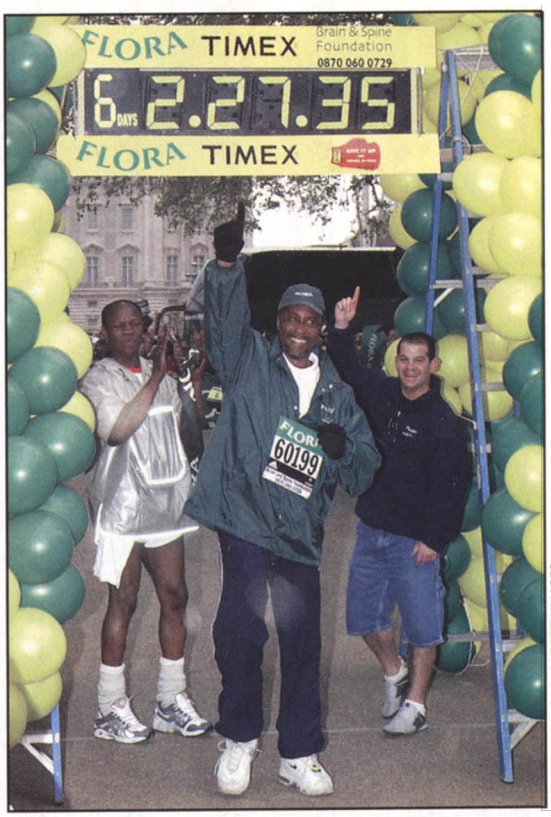

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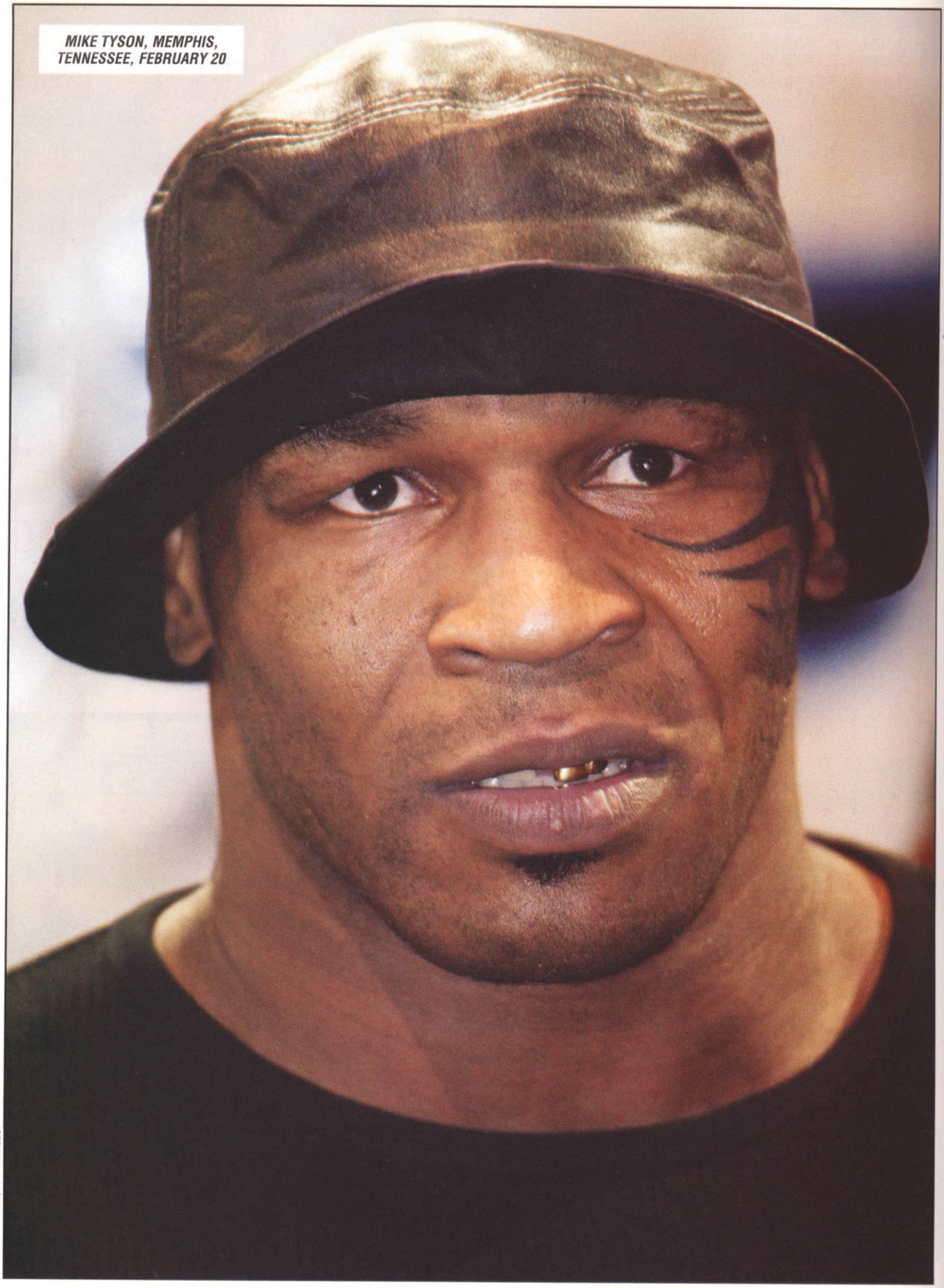

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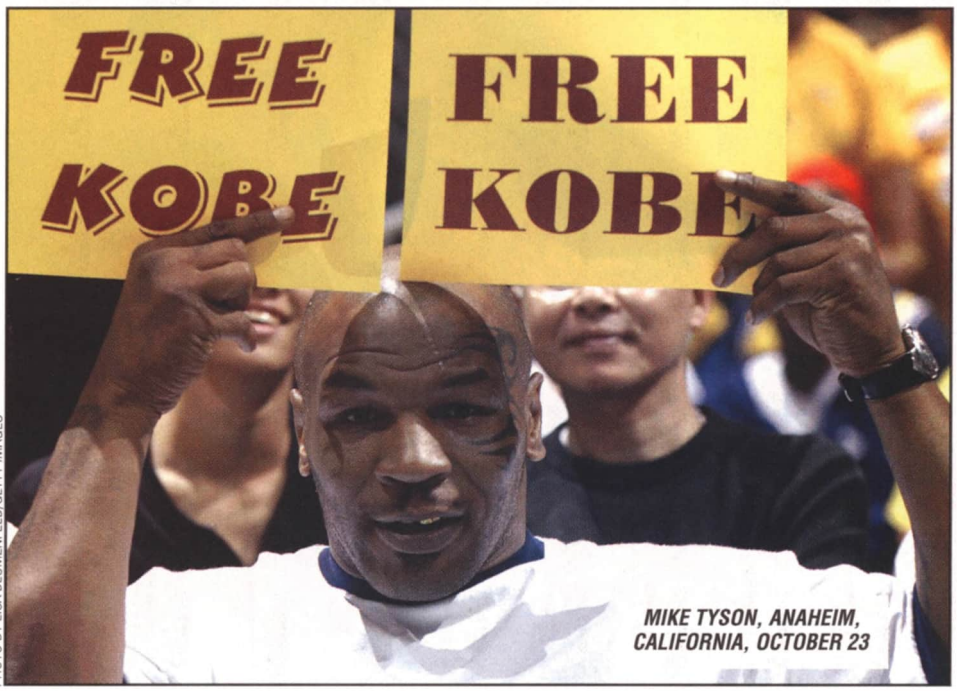

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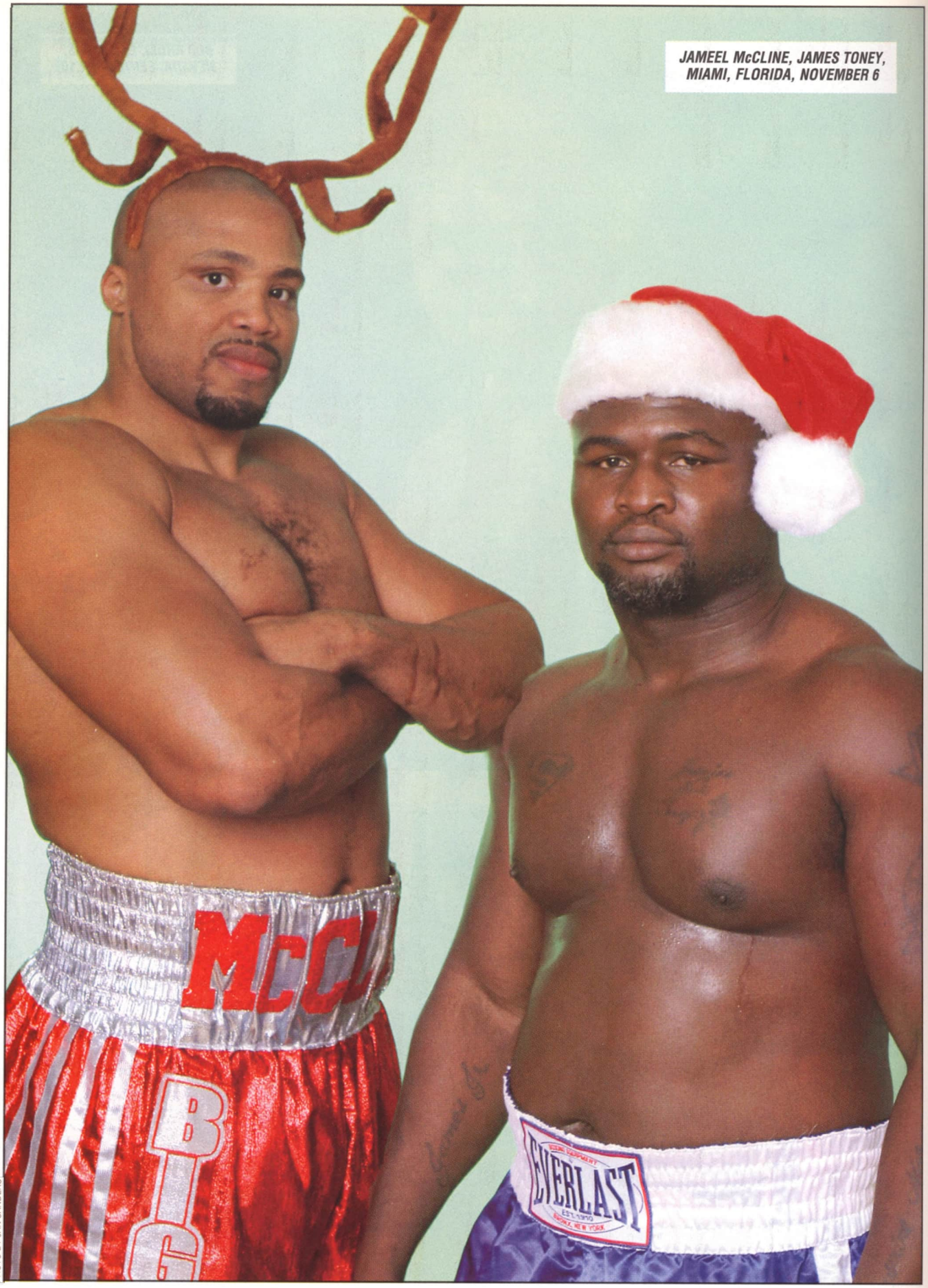

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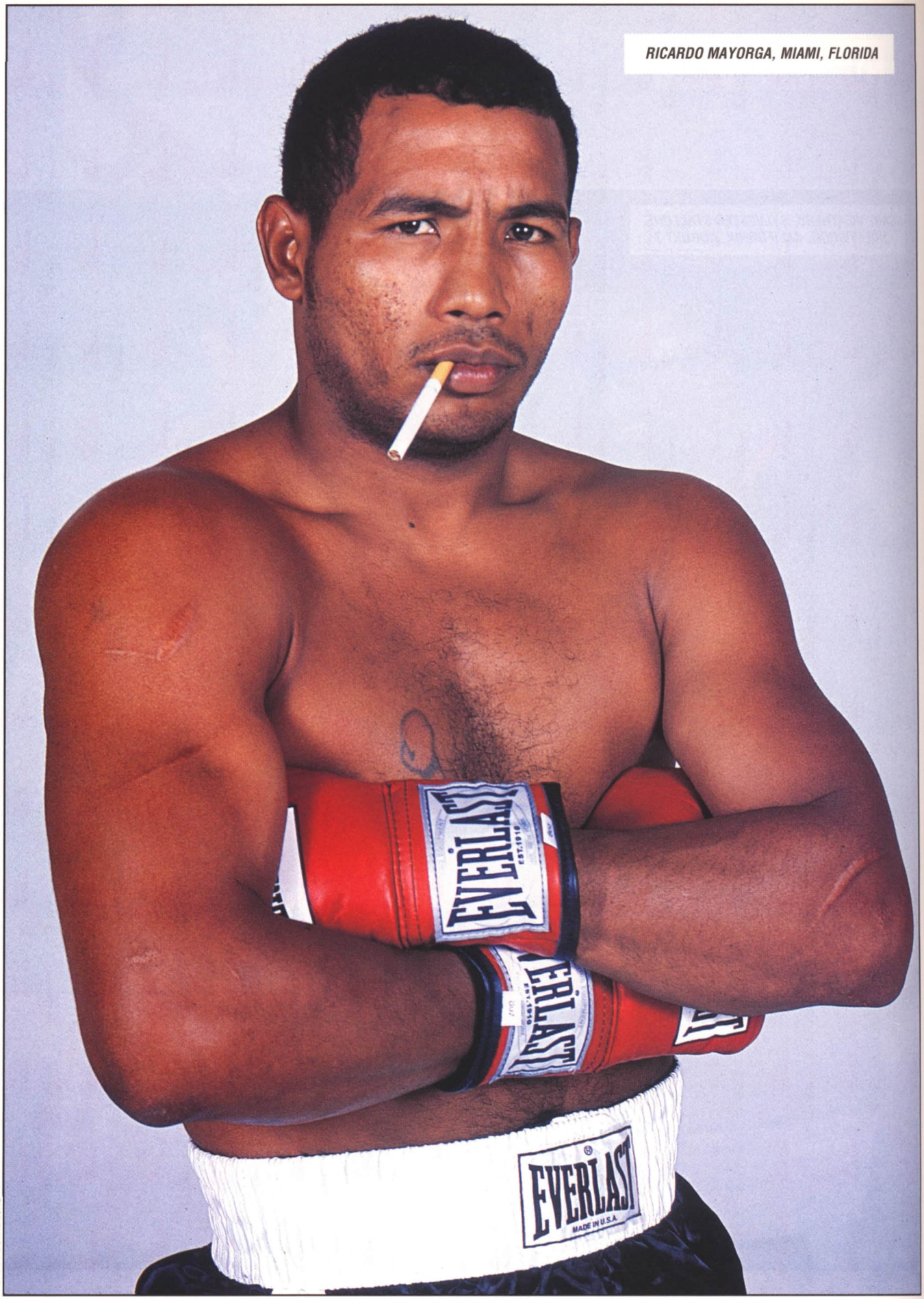

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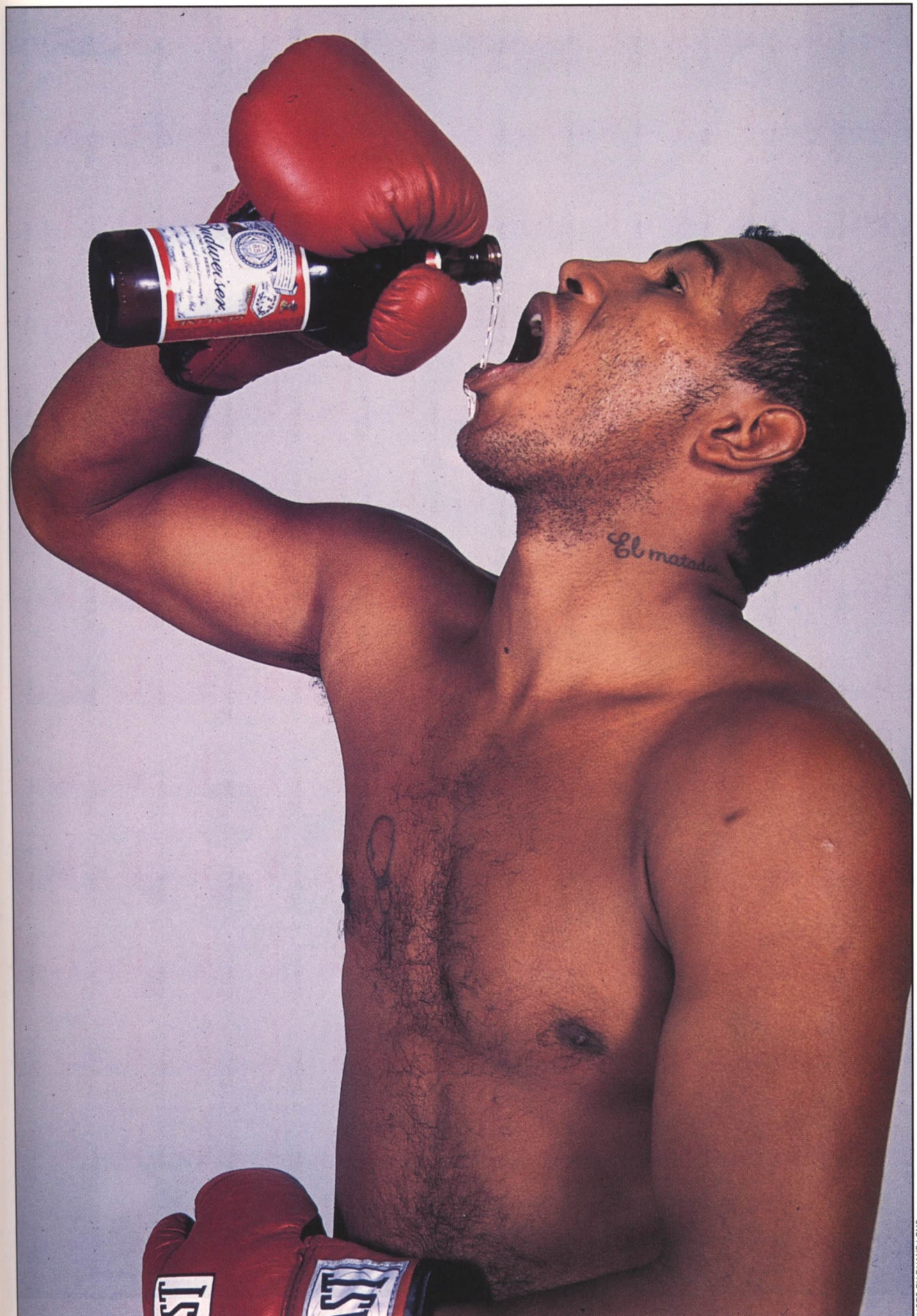

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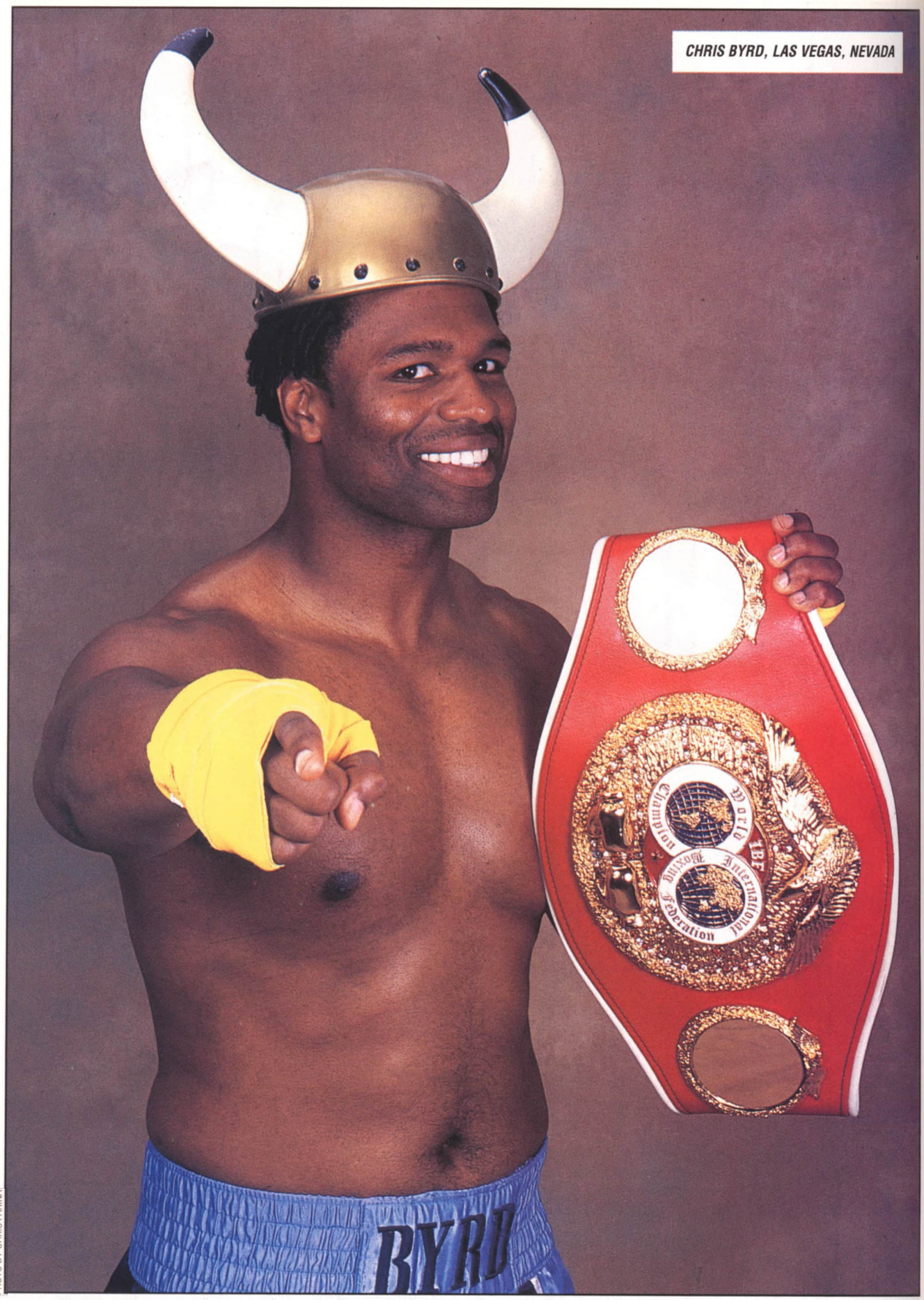

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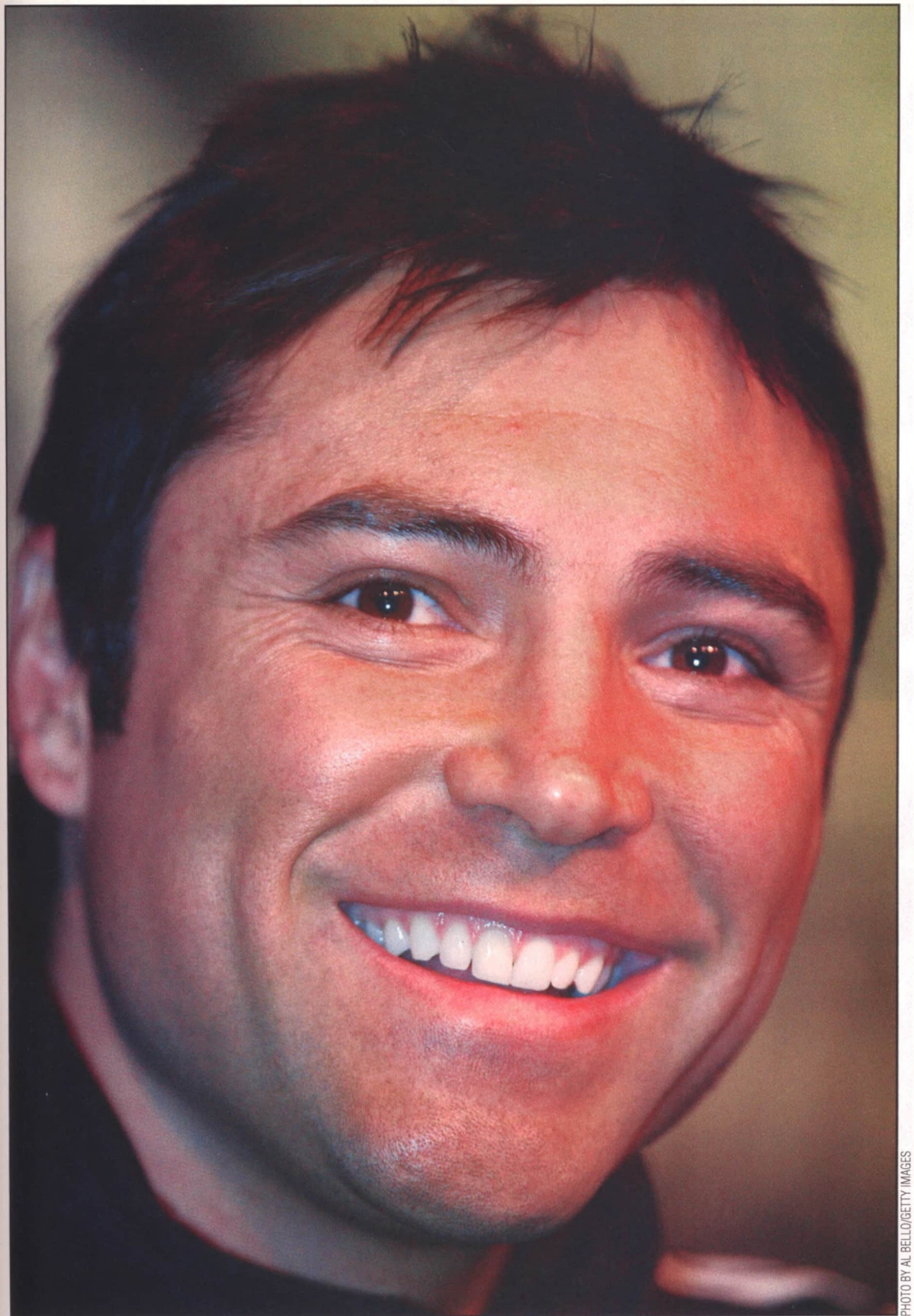

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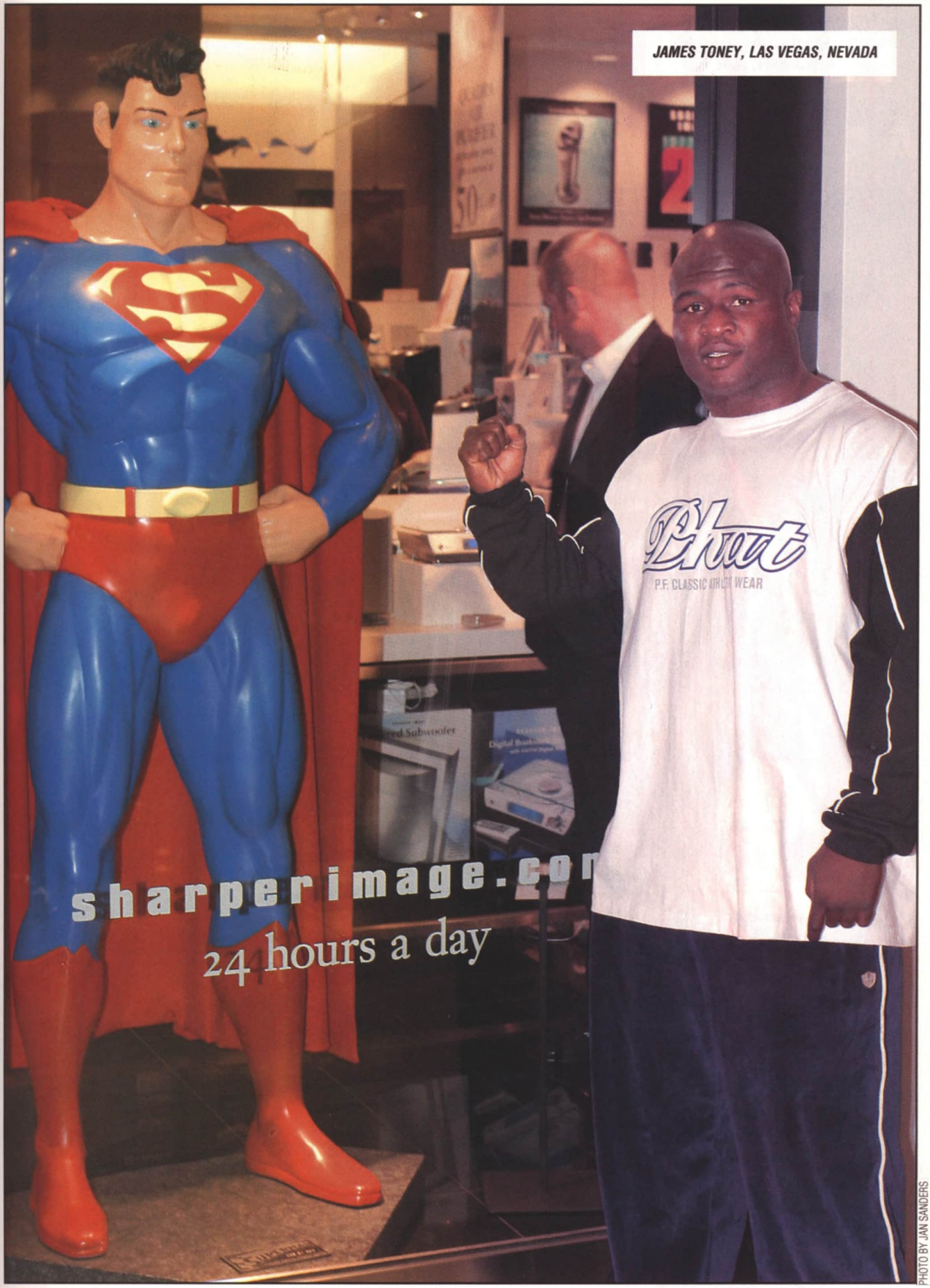
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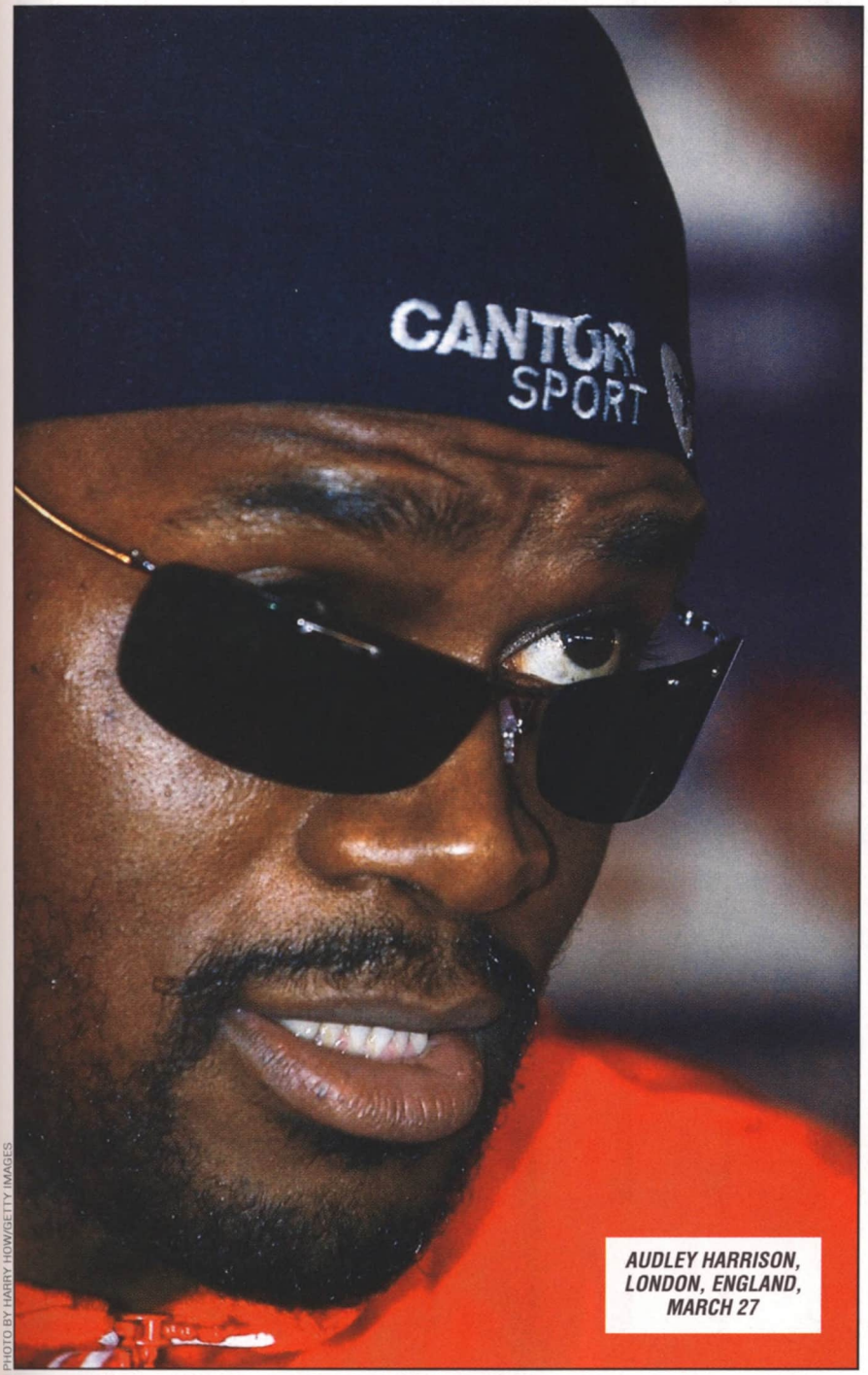

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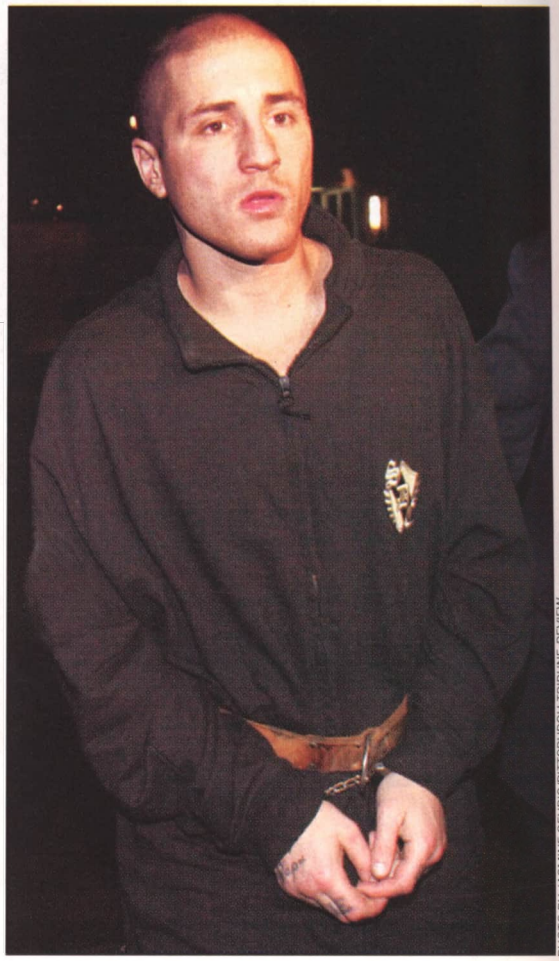

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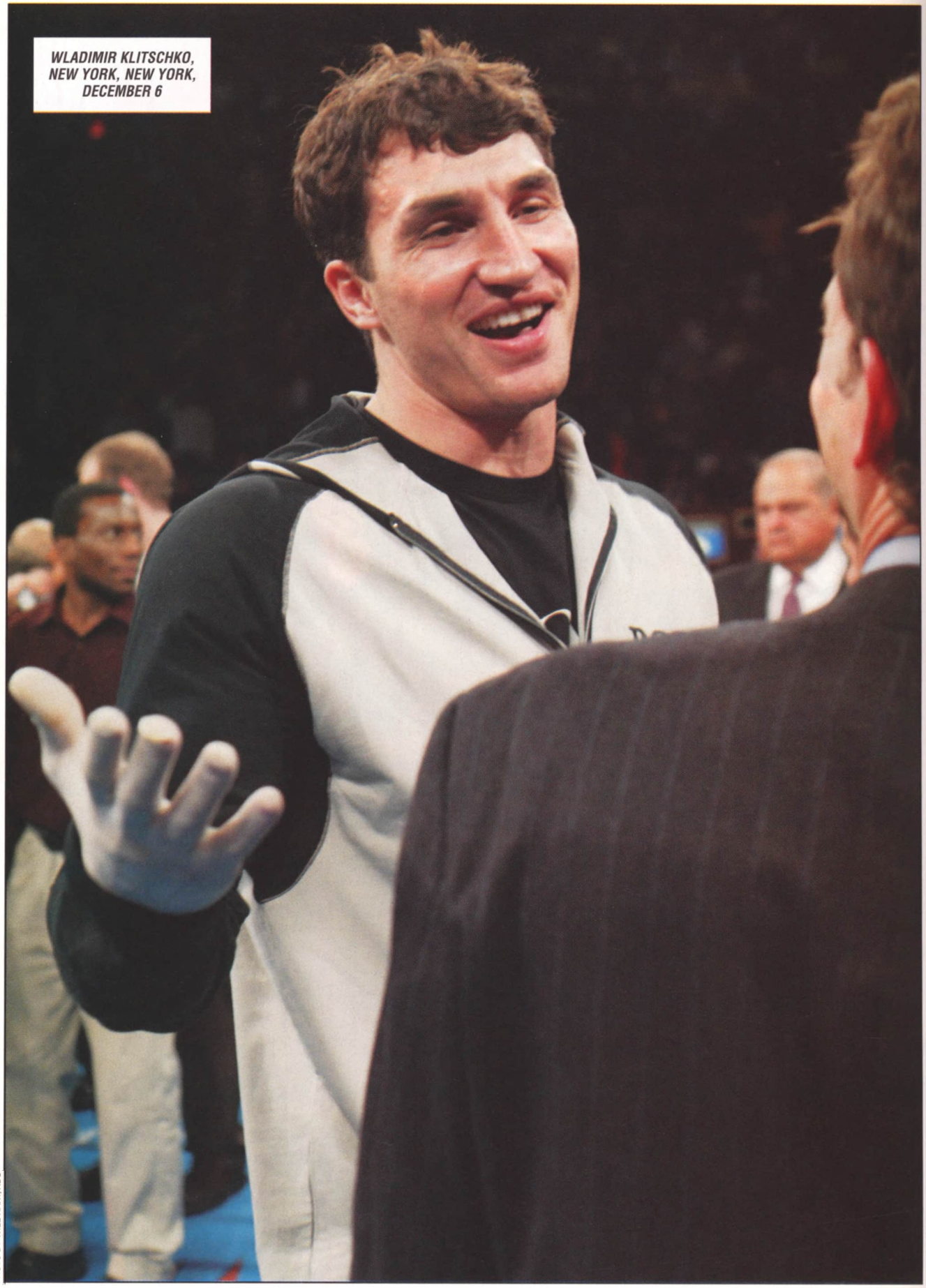

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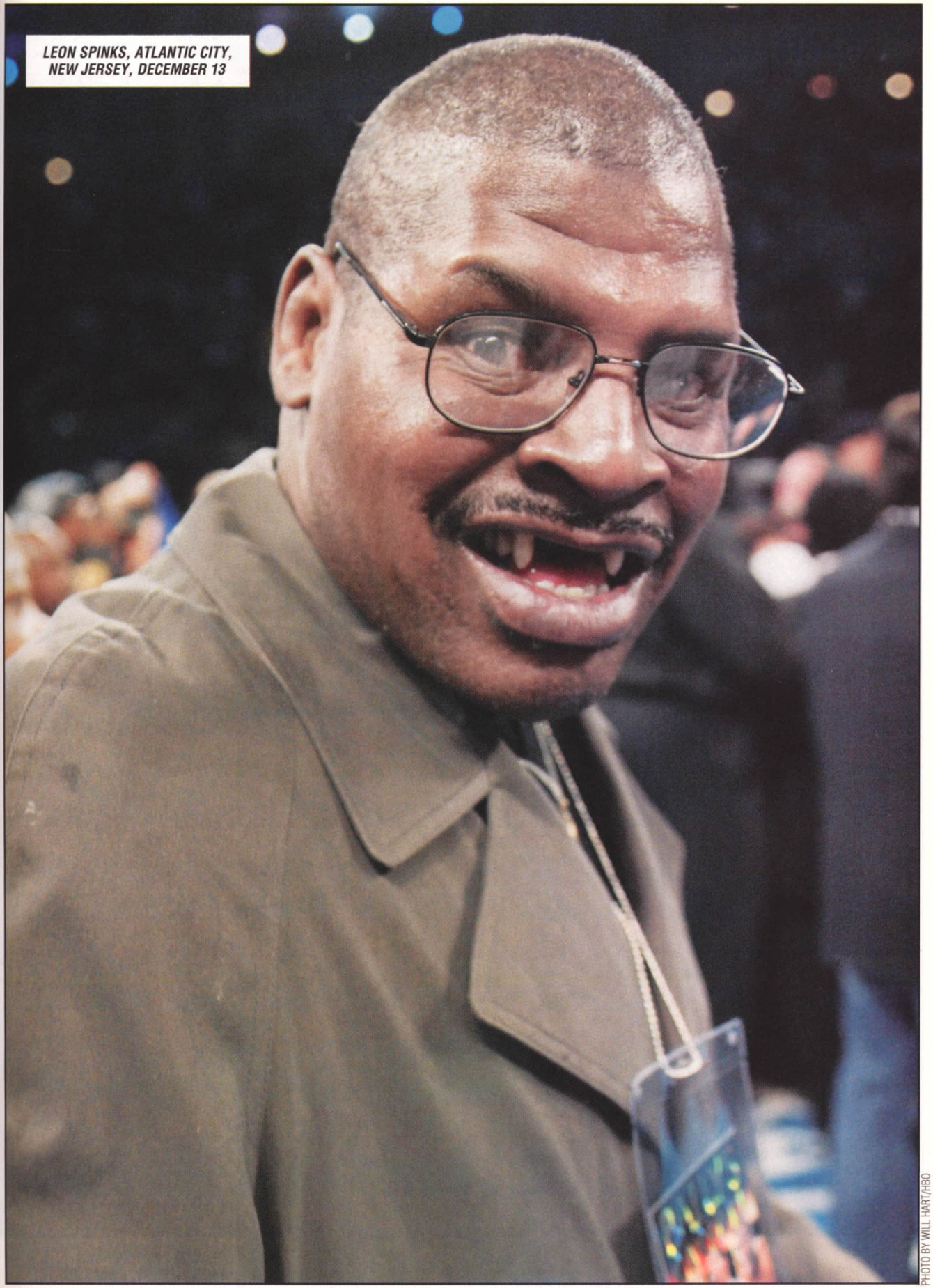

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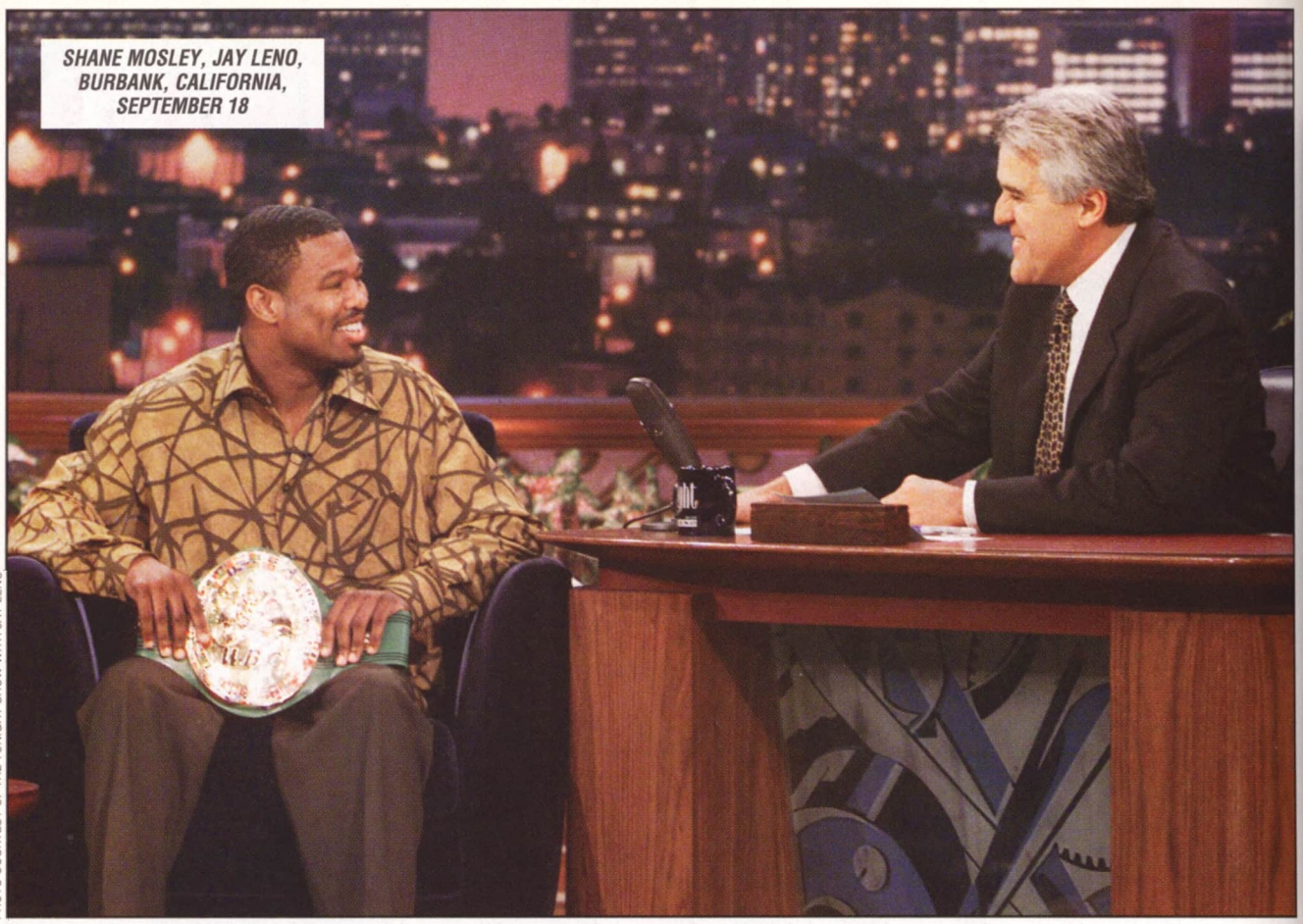

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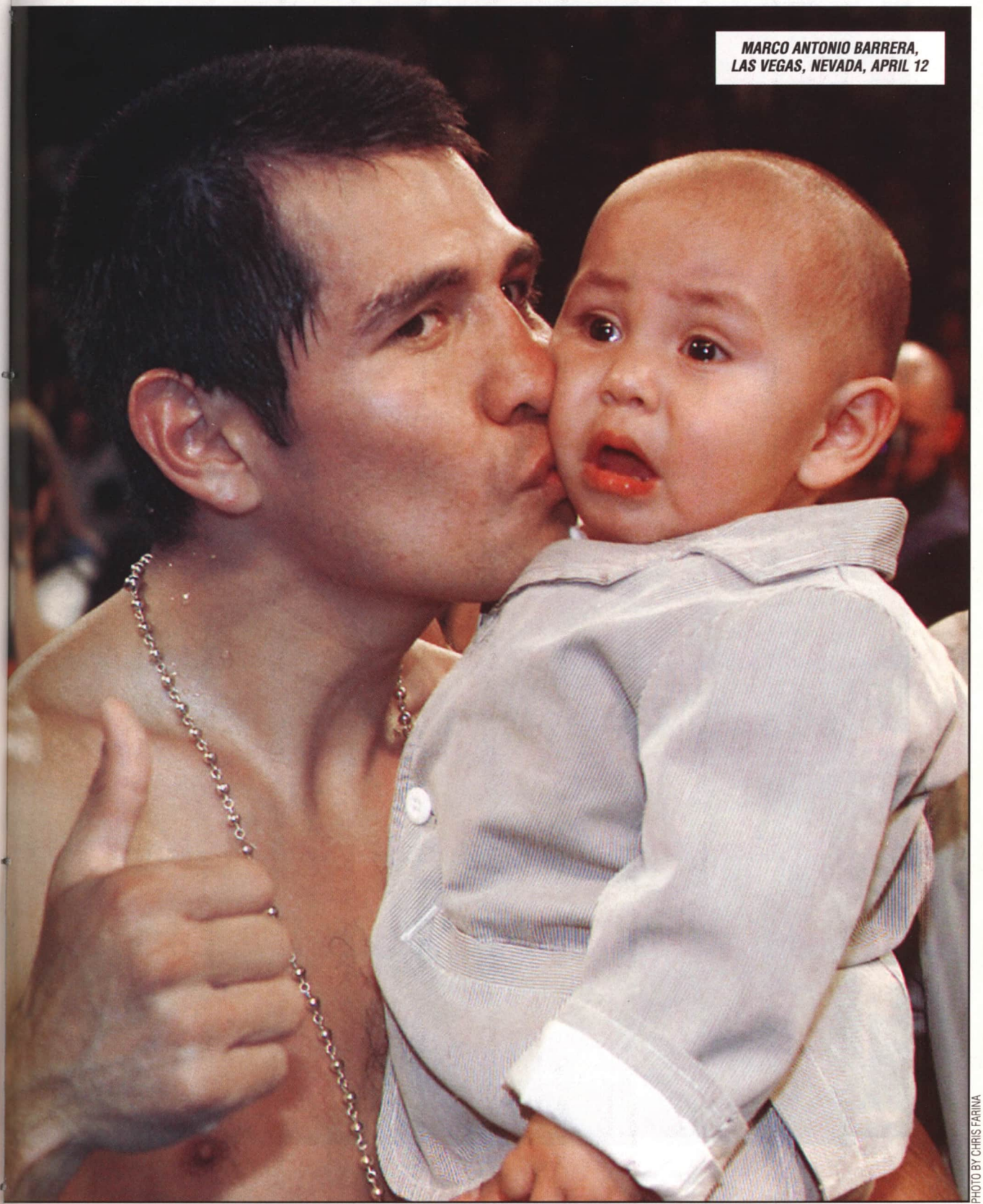

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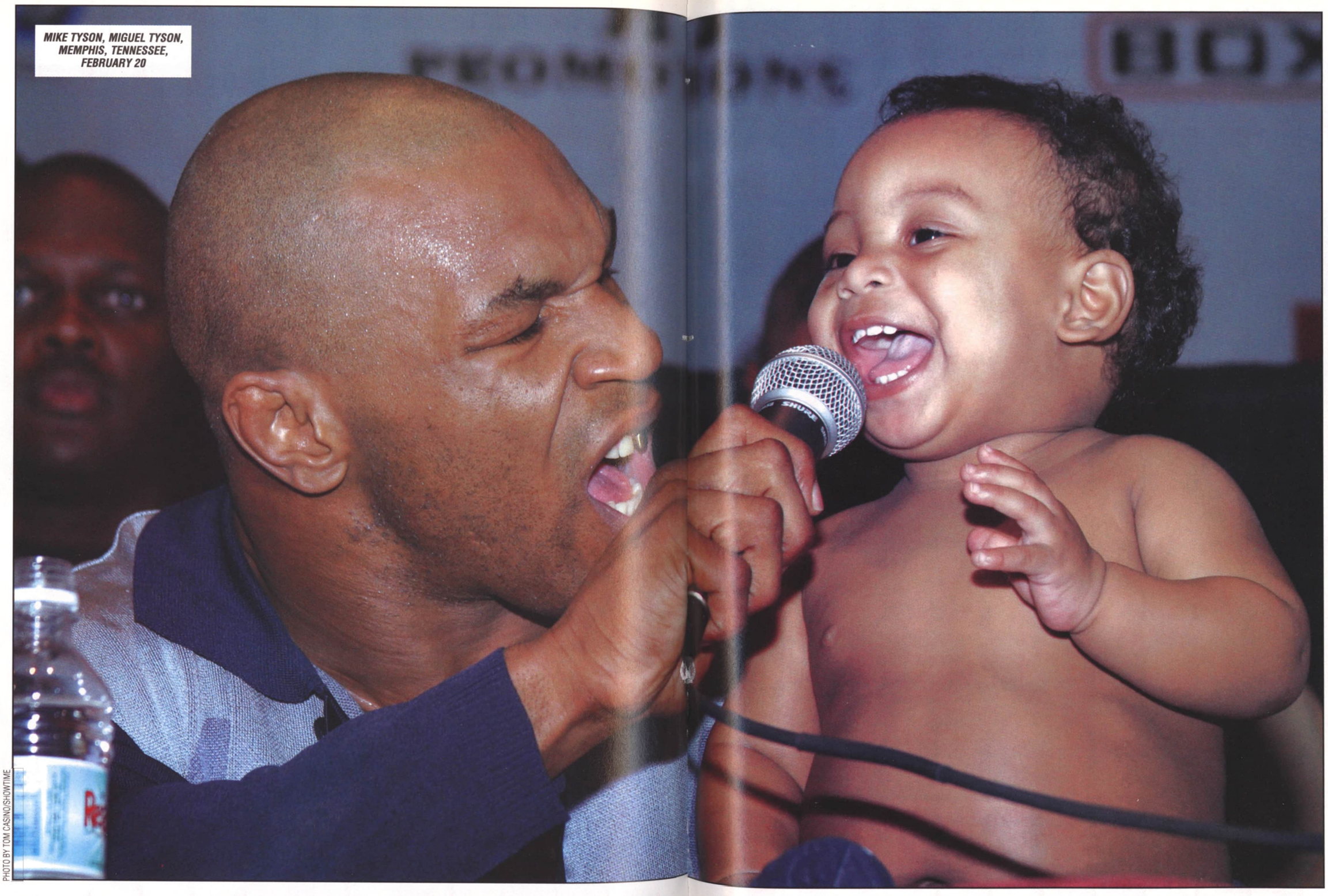

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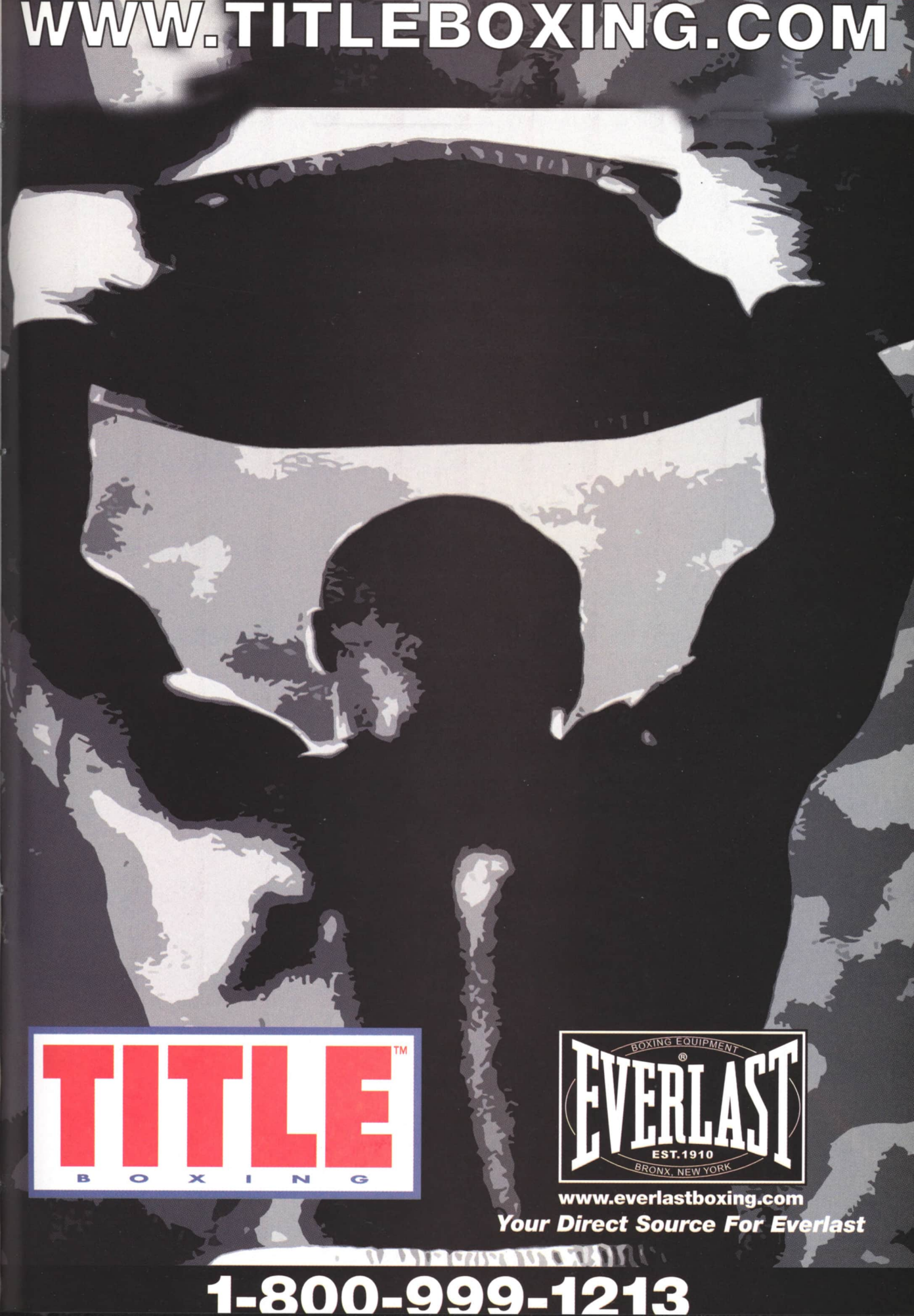
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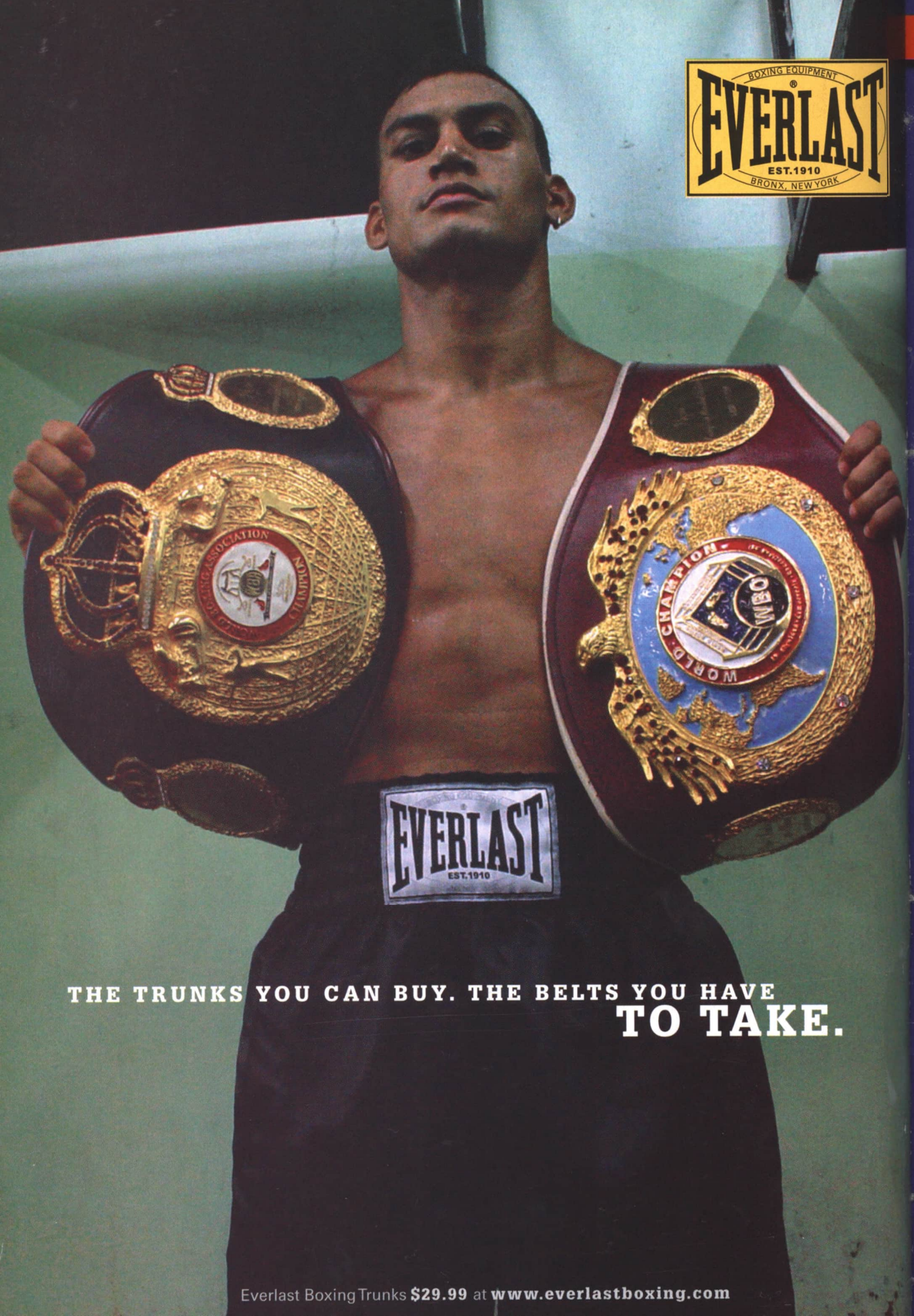
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